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17 Jumble Sale, U. Ch. Hall, Limbless Fund
17 St. Patrick's Soc. L'cheon, Shai. Club

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18 The Shanghai Club Ann. Mtg. 5.30
18 Armoured Car Co. Dance, Race Club
18 Det Norske Samfund i Kina Medlemsmte Kl.8 i Cercle Sportif Francais
19 Shai. Opera, "La Bohême," 8.30
20 S.M. Orchestra Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
20 Shai. Opera, "La Bohême." 8.30
20 Purim Ball, Race Club, Guests' Rm., 7
21 Eng. Soc. Mtg. & Cocktail Party, 5.45
22 For. Y. lect. Dr. Frederick Reiss, 8.30
24 "Zigfuner Primas" ("Gipsy Premier") Light Opera, Lyceum, 8
25 United Services Assn. ann. gen mtg. 5.30
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31 Shai Paper Importers' Assn. Ann. Gen. Mtg., Cercle Sportif Français, 6

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1 Shai. Reel Club Dance, Masonic Hall, Avenue Road, 8.30
2 Nordisk Fest, Cercle Sportif Francais, 8
2 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
3 Le Ballet Russe, Lyceum Theatre, 8.45
3 S.F.A. v. Islington Corinthians, Canidrome, 3
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SIR,—It is very evident to me that whatever JACKIE'S TEACHER professes to teach, he is no teacher of the Bible. His perfervid apologies in connection with the high esteem in which the Book is held by the "Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church" (I suppose he found this pompous title in his three Bibles) deceive no one except, probably, those whose investigations into the history of the aforesaid Church have been superintended by the minions of the Society of Jesus, a fate from which I consider myself very lucky to have escaped. May I tell him that I do not resort to Catholic sources for my information because of the principle enunciated by Christ Himself: "If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true." (John 5:31). When studying the history of any religious organization I always prefer to rely on an independent and impartial source, or one so attested, and that was why I quoted from Dr. Robertson's book. Had his work been highly commended by the Archbishop of Canterbury instead of the King of Italy and his Ministers I would, *ipso facto*, not have made use of it. It is of no avail for J.T. to say that the quotations of the various Papal Bulls and Councils contained in my last letter are entirely false and garbled when the reader may verify the actual contents of the bulls by referring to a trustworthy encyclopaedia. Regarding the charge that the quotations were second-hand, I shall be glad to read true copies of the originals if J.T. will hand them to me, or inform me where they may be obtained.

His reference to the Protestant Bible Societies "manhandling" the sacred volumes is tragic. What are the Catholic Bible Societies, in China, if such organizations exist, doing with their Bibles—obeying Paul's injunction (which he applied to worldly ordinances) to "touch not; taste not; handle not;" I believe, for all they are doing to disseminate the Word of God in this land. Incidentally, J.T.'s jumping to the conclusion that I am a Bible Society man, which is quite erroneous, is well worthy of a person who calls others "Jumping Jacks."

His statement that "the Bible was preserved for Christianity during the Dark Ages by the Catholic Church," on the other hand, is very, very funny. Why the Bible needed careful preservation in an age which, according to his previous letter, was refulgent as the sun in his glory, is extremely puzzling to me.

His glowing descriptions of the numerous editions of the Bible in various languages issued by the R.C. Church prior to Luther's time sound very thrilling—if true. Will he please tell me where I can obtain secular verification of this, I do not wish to read what the Pope says about the Bible for the reason stated above.

With reference to his cavils as to inaccuracies in the Protestant Bibles, may I inform him that Fr. Ungarellie (friend of Pope Gregory XVI) affirms that he found in the present R.C. Vulgate 750 capital errors. However, when I study the Bible I do so not only from the Authorised and Revised Versions, but also from the independent translations of Moffatt, Weymouth (N.T.), Ferrar Fenton, Rotherham, Leeser, and the Emphatic Diaglott which presents the original Greek text of the Vatican MS of the New Testament (No. 1209 in the Vatican Library). From this last a correct Greek text is given, so that however imperfect the translation may be considered by the captious critic, it cannot adulterate the original. Accordingly, Hebrews X, 10, reads: "By which will having been sanctified we are through the offering of the body of Jesus Anointed once for all." (literal rendition). The last phrase is a very definite hit against Mass, which word is not found in the Scriptures.

May I inform J.T. that there were no Protestants in the 4th century because the abominations which led to the Reformation had not yet been introduced. Sacerdotal practices made their appearance at a much later date. For example, the year 783 witnessed the unsanitary practice of kissing the Pope's foot—Christ, humbler and more hygienic, washed the feet of His disciples. In 1311 the Papal tiara, signifying spiritual ascendancy in heaven, earth and hell, was designed—Christ wore a crown of thorns. The Pope, seeking self-adulation, commanded his servants, clad in golden livery, to bear him on their shoulders—on His shoulders Christ bore a rugged cross. The Pope appropriated to himself the title "Holy Father"—Christ said: "Call no man your father upon the earth." (Matt. 23:9). The Papal title, 'Supreme Pontiff" comes from the heathen title of the Caesars—"Pontifex Maximus." Popes sanction the act of kneeling by Catholics before them—Peter said to the kneeling Cornelius: "Stand up; I myself also am a man." (Acts: 10:26). The following were introduced after the 4th century: Monastic orders (A.D. 529), Purgatory (593), Prayers to saints (715), Bowing to images (726), Canonization (993), Celibacy of the Clergy (1015), the Rosary (1059), Auricular confession (1116), Indulgences (1140). This may explain why there were no Protestants in the 4th. century. And of course, all the above-mentioned doctrines were found in the Bible (?).

The writings of the early church fathers may abound in Scripture, but the sermons of the present Jesuit fathers obviously do not, if those reported in the columns of this paper form any criterion. Further to the Pope's love for the Scriptures—at the Ecumenical Council held in the Vatican in 1869/70, at which the infallibility of the Pope was decreed, Dollinger and Dupanloup, in supporting their arguments against the insensate proposal, wished to refer to some passages of Scripture; but no one had a Bible in the whole Council, nor could one be procured for them within the bounds of the Church, so one had to be borrowed from the Protestant chaplain of the Prussian Embassy! I have been in Catholic churches quite a few times, but I noticed no Bibles in the pews—Bibles abound in Protestant churches. The blessing given by the Pope for reading the Scriptures 15 minutes is confined to the "Holy Gospels," so RIGHT IS RIGHT impresses me not at all. This correspondent makes out that I said that no Catholic families in Shanghai possess Bibles—nothing of the kind! My actual words were: "I wonder how many families do."

The idea of a League of Christians promulgated by W.A.S. is both unscriptural and impracticable. It is written in Isaiah viii, 9, 10, concerning world leagues of any kind: "Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; . . . take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand." It must be admitted that this is a pretty accurate picture of the League of Nations. Furthermore, no humble Christian would be so presumptuous as to say that: "The stability of peace for the world lies in our hands," he looks instead for the coming of the Prince of Peace to establish His reign of righteousness on earth.

P.M.J. speaks of a "New State" being right on our doorstep to-day: many Shanghailanders, on the other hand, found corpses and shells on their thresholds. He also speaks of "relying on our different blind faiths," it would be much fairer if he spoke for himself—real faith is visionary—not blind.

As to the question "Must We Have War," the answer is an emphatic "Yes! until Christ returns to establish His kingdom on earth." In the 24th. chapter of Matthew, Our Lord prophesying of the end of the age said: "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nations shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." (verses 6, 7 and 8).

J.T. asks me if I read the Bible daily. Well, last year, in company with another searcher of God's Word, I collaborated and investigated the meaning of some five thousand outstanding passages of Scripture; on an average of five hours per week, the procedure occupied us seven months. We often resorted to independent translations of the Bible to clarify the different shades of meaning involved, and made many appeals to the original Hebrew and Greek. Can J.T. lay claim to such a free research.

Finally, I consider J.T.'s statement that Kipling's "Recessional," if written by an Italian, would sound disgusting to English ears, to be most offensive. The whole poem, I wonder if he has read it, breathes a spirit of humility before a Most High God, and would have done credit to any nation appropriating such sentiments.

BIBLIA.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

AUSTRIAN CRISIS

Who is Responsible?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In writing your leading article of this morning, you have entirely overlooked the fact that the overture to the drama which you have entitled "Danse Macabre" was composed by a number of collaborators of the Allied Powers at Versailles, St. Germaine, Trianon, Neuilly and Sèvres in 1919 and that this composition is so full of discords and is, in its structure, so unbalanced that the developments of the play which have followed it could not, to sane observers, be any different than what we have, in the past 19 years, seen unfolded before our eyes.

The disruption of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was willed by the Allied Powers, in order to pay satellites "for services rendered," and it is not for them to complain if the inevitable consequences of unparalleled political blindness now assert themselves.

It is, therefore, tragi-comical if those who dictated the Treaties above named by force, now complain that a change in the map of Central Europe has been brought about by the same means. This is in the nature of the kettle calling the pot black.

Austria is, as was the case before 1866, back in the Reich again. Conditions are different of course and yet, in a sense, they are parallel. The Austrian Dynasty of the Habsburgs ruled the Reich for centuries and the Austrian Adolf Hitler will rule it now. In a way of looking at things, Austria has reconquered the Reich.

SRAM.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

OPERA MANNERS

Evil of Late Comers

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Last Sunday's matinée presentation of the opera "A Life for the Tsar" was an exceptionally good performance and full credit must be given to all those concerned. Judging from the previous presentations of various operas, those written by Russian composers are far better interpreted.

Just one fact is exceedingly regretful and that is, one cannot get a full impression and appreciation of the performance owing to the audience being so unpunctual. It was most aggravating to see persons walking down the aisle, looking for their seats and whispering while the orchestra was already playing the overture. The same state of affairs continued even throughout the whole of the first act, to say the least of the constant opening and closing of the entrance doors. May I suggest that in future the management introduces a rule—which exists in all the European cities—to close all the entrance doors a few minutes before the maestro takes his stand. The management should have no fear that this kind of action will have an adverse effect on its business. On the contrary, those who will be compelled to stand in the vestibule and listen to the first act behind a closed door will certainly rush to the second performance in order to "see" what they missed in the first one, and, moreover, that will teach Shanghai audiences a good lesson. Take, for example, the Symphony Concerts, the rule of closing all the entrance doors has existed ever since its inception and we do not see that the Symphony Concerts are in any way suffering from such action.

It must be borne in mind that practically everywhere opera is either financed by patrons of art or by different states, and therefore a little more respect is required of the Shanghai audiences to the deserving group who have thus organized it for the sake of art alone, especially under conditions prevailing in Shanghai.

THE MUSE.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

BY SAPAJOU

Lieut. Commander G. R. Fuller

A new addition to the Naval Staff Office.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK

Sale of Peiping Offices

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—On June 30, 1929, a report was issued by the Liquidators of the "Russo-Asiatic Bank in Liquidation, China Group."

This group comprises the following offices: Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and Chefoo.

Creditors claims amounted to	Sh. Tls. 6,100,000.00
Dividend paid to June 30, 1929	Sh. Tls. 3,400,000.00
Claims unpaid on July 1, 1929	Sh. Tls. 2,700,000.00
Cash in hand on July 1, 1929	Sh. Tls. 226,000.00

Since the issue of the report a further dividend was paid in September 1929. The dividend paid to this date (16/3/38) amounts to 55 per cent. of the claims, and to 60 per cent. for claims smaller than $2,000.00.

On page No. 11 the Liquidators, under the heading "Future Prospects," mention various amounts which they are trying to realize. That was eight years ago; nothing, of course, came out of it, although, I am sure, everything humanly possible has been done, but item (d) "Bank premises at Peking" has at last been realized and the proceeds of the sale deposited with some Bank. It is about a lakh of dollars which, plus whatever cash is on hand, should now be distributed to the Bank's creditors as a further dividend.

Let us hope that something else may turn up later, but in the meantime let us take what is due us from the proceeds of the above premises. Why this unreasonable delay?

LAST HOPE.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

PUBLIC CONVEYANCES

Wanted—A Strap

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Travel in public conveyances in Shanghai, except in a few trunk-line buses, can scarcely be called comfortable. The crowding seems under the circumstances to be unavoidable. We can excuse the occasional impatience of the conductors, for they are a hard-worked and hard-pressed class. We wonder sometimes why the ticket inspectors are not, as a class, more trained in courtesy. With occasional happy exceptions, their attitude towards the passengers seems to be as though the passenger was trying to get away with something and it is the inspector's business to find him out.

It is a petty annoyance at best to have one's ticket examined after one has paid the fare, and it could easily be done with a "ticket please" or its equivalent in Chinese or at least a courteous tone of voice. We wonder how the buses have to start with such a jerk as to throw those who are taking their seats on the floor, if not careful.

All this, however, might be taken without protest if one had a decent strap to hold on to when the conveyance is crowded and one must stand, it may be for some miles. In some cases there are. But many of the straps are worn to a string and indescribably unhygienic. Wanted a strap!

RELIEF WORK ITINERARY.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

CORINTHIAN'S VISIT

Suggestions for Local Team

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With reference to SCRUTATOR'S comments on the forthcoming visit of the Corinthians soccer team, I do not think it is fair for him to say that Didi Costa should not be chosen to play for the Shanghai team owing to his "weakness" displayed in the International game last week.

It must be remembered that Costa was supported in the half back line by Silva and Aquino who, although they gave a good account of themselves, are young and inexperienced, with the inevitable result that Costa himself had to bear the brunt of the attack. This point seems to have been in the mind of your correspondent on Monday when he commented on the inability of Robinson to create any successful opening, which undoubtedly was due to the ease with which Costa had him covered.

Nearly all local sports scribes are agreed that Costa is still the best civilian centre-half in Shanghai and there is no doubt that his inclusion will strengthen the team which is to oppose the Corinthians.

I also do not agree with your correspondent's suggested line-up for Shanghai. The two wing men of the Durhams team do not possess sufficient "shooting" ability and I should prefer the selection of Jim Ward and F. Foyn who are fast and capable of excellent centres and corner kicks.

My opinion of a representative team is: Boissezon, Curtiss, Marcal, Thomasson, Costa, Brown, Foyn, Cope, Robinson, Fulton, J. Ward, and I hope the S.F.A. will coon adopt your correspondent's suggestion of having a few trial games in order that the selected team may have an opportunity to play together before meeting the Corinthians.

C. A.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

RUGBY

Charity Match Results

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—As a result of the Charity Match held at the Canidrome on January 23 last, we have been able to hand over the following amounts to the Societies named:—

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J. MARCH,
Hon. Treasurer, Shanghai R.U.F.C.

Shanghai, Mar. 14.

CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

Everything Explained

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—That my letter could possibly be construed as an anti-Jewish tirade by MR. H. B. GLEDHILL caused me much surprise. However, after having got in touch with him, it is satisfactory to state that I was able to convince him that I harbour no such ideas or feelings against the Jews.

W. A. S.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

LOCAL RUGGER

Another Suggest Team

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your correspondent CUMBRIAN forgets that when he is selecting the best combination of local rugger players during the last eight years he must also allow "the opposition" to do likewise. Under the same conditions such Clubs as Blackheath, Harlequins and Rosslyn Park, not to mention the Hospitals, could field teams worthy of wearing the Rose at Twickenham.

CUMBRIAN'S fifteen is comprised of brilliant individuals; but how many teams are successful through the efforts of their stars alone? Even though this team has been drawn from eight seasons I doubt whether, for instance, it could have crossed the line once against the fine combination fielded by St. Edward's, Oxford, in the season 1931/2, when most of CUMBRIAN'S selections were at their height.

Bearing in mind the importance of combination, I would suggest that the following team represents Shanghai's best during the last eight years; M. D. Scott: G. H. P. Fowler, J. P. C. Master, W. E. Acraman, and H. E. Orr: C. D. Wales, N. M. Macintosh: C. Austin, H. O. Bramble, W. H. T. Pilcher, H. W. Carter, V. V. W. Fretwell (Capt.) W. J. B. Carter, J. A. E. Kendrew, and K. G. Stephenson; with E. S. Barraclough as referee.

PRAIRIE FLOWER.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

THE Kweichow Provincial Government has signed a contract with the Natural Resources Commission of the Ministry of Economics for joint operation of the proposed power plant in Kweiyang, says a dispatch to the "Sin Wan Pao." The plant, according to the dispatch, will be capitalized at $1,000,000, of which $300,000 will be borne by the provincial administration, and the remaining $700,000 by the Ministry.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF MARCH 17, 1878

Contrary to all expectations the Peiho opened, this year, much earlier instead of later than usual; and the first steamships, so far from having to wait a week outside the Bar, found the river clear of ice, and that they had been anticipated several days by sailing ships.

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Mr. Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs, arrived from Tientsin on Saturday morning, in the C.M. ss. Fungshun, en route for the Paris Exhibition. He left Shanghai as quickly as possible the same day, in the cruiser Kwashing, for Hongkong, in the hope of being able to overtake the French mail, so as to arrive in Paris in time for the opening of the Exhibition.

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Our correspondent in Shantung sends us a specimen of food got from a little girl on the street. It is the husk of kauliang, boiled, and eaten as you see. Wheat straw and dry stalks of a kind of reed, or "cheat" are cut up fine, then ground as wheat, and this flour, if such it can be called, is mixed with chaff, and then boiled and eaten. "This evening," he adds, "I saw a boy with a basket full of the outside husk of the onion, which is dry when the onion is ripe for pulling. This, and last year's elm-tree leaves, sells for 25 cash a catty. You can judge of the distress."

THE Subsription Committee of the Kwangtung Provincial Defence Bonds launched its financial drive yesterday, says a wire to the "Sin Wan Pao." The campaign, the goal of which has been tentatively set at $2,000,000 to be attained by the end of May, will be pushed by 100 subscription corps.

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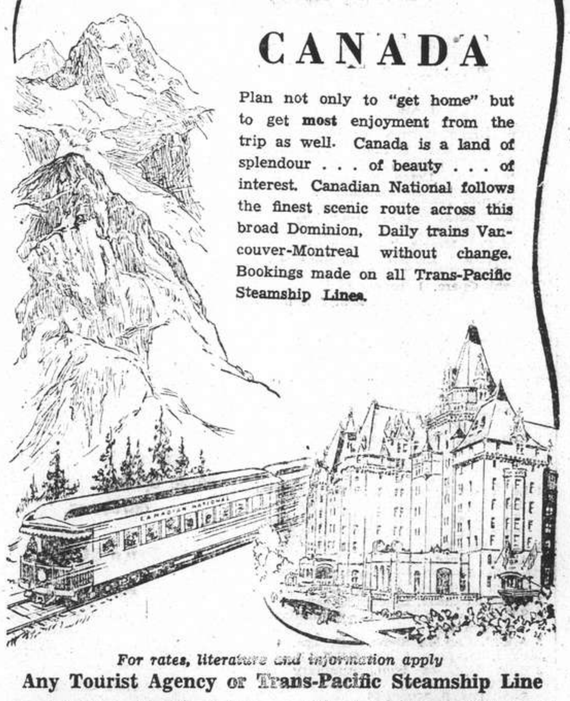

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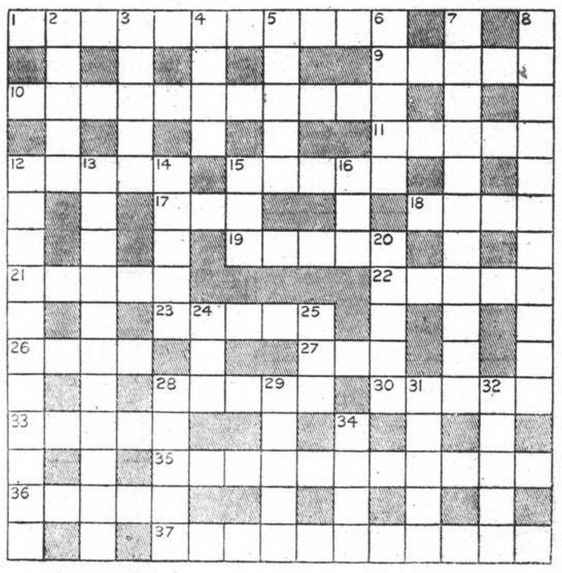

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1 This builders' implement might also be important to distillers
9 It's a chemical (not a leather)
10 It is courage or zeal that this sort of person lacks, not a part of a part of his body
11 One of the felines
12 Famous explorer
15 Birds
17 Go in this for pain
18 A constituent of a stirrup-up
19 The builder uses this as much as 1 across
21 In this is the regular procedure
22 Bird
23 Kind of dance for a strange graduate
26 They have a taste for this disease abroad
27 This king is never rising
28 When this artist started to work for "Punch" he stuck to it of course
30 Colours for a regiment?
33 A topping personal ornament
35 Respectful
36 Orchestral flower?
37 In this part of London describes a doctor on his rounds (two words)

DOWN

2 This tree is much used in woodwork
3 Allude
4 Abound
5 Part of Lake Erie
6 House made by a scientist
7 It sounds as if big men attempted to make this amusement for children
8 For Christmas presents for uncles these cannot be wrong apparenty
12 Privilege
13 A book-maker would probably not like this electrical apparatus to come off
14 A foreign soldier
15 College servant
16 The amount a classical little rodent upset
20 The existence of a person
24 "Sweet are the ——s of adversity" "As You Like It")
25 Tree
28 Famous old race horse
29 A rope may be fastened to this
31 This animal is later changed
32 Long
34 A lake, just that and nothing else

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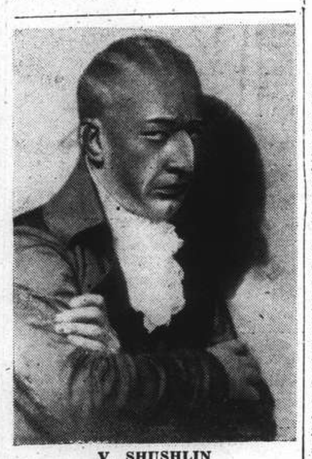
"Varsity Show."—Dick Powell and Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, with whom are associated Ted Healy, Rosemary and Priscilla Lane. Coming next to the **CAPITOL.**

Tony Martin and Marjorie Weaver, who recently completed important roles in the 20th Century-Fox musical, "Sally, Irene and Mary," will play the romantic leads in "Kentucky Moonshine," musical comedy starring the Ritz Brothers, now being prepared for production.



V. SHUSHLIN
To-night at the Lyceum Theatre in "Faust."

"THE PRISONER OF ZENDA"
This popular picture continues to attract cinema-goers to the Nanking Theatre. Ronald Colman and Madeleine Carroll are co-starred, while in strong support are Douglas Fairbanks, jun., Mary Astor and C. Aubrey Smith.

"LOVE UNDER FIRE"
Coming to the Cathay to-morrow are two popular stars—Loretta Young and Don Ameche. Associated players include Frances Drake, Walter Catlett, John Carradine, Borrah Minnevitch, Sig Rumann and Harold Huber.

"CHARLIE CHAN AT MONTE CARLO"
Warner Oland holds forth at the Grand Theatre to-day, supported by Keye Luke, Virginia Field, Sidney Blackmer, Harold Huber, Kay Linaker and Robert Kent. Here the polished detective solves another mystery.

"100 MEN AND A GIRL"
Deanna Durbin and Leopold Stokowski will be the next attraction at the Nanking Theatre, the latter with his huge symphony orchestra. Among the other players are Adolphe Menjou, Alice Brady and Eugene Pallette.

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LE BALLET RUSSE

Vivacious and flaming dances of Tartars and their folk-songs of rare beauty are the theme of the ballet scene "Prince Igor,"—in the Lyceum on April, 1, 2 and 3—which will be rendered unusually fascinating by the combination of dancing and choral singing. The entire cast of the Ballet Russe will be supported in "Prince Igor" by the full chorus of Mr Kolchin, who is well known to Shanghai public by the previous appearances with the Shanghai Municipal Orchestra. Such combination of terpsichore, symphony and choral singing will make this presentation an exceptional event in local theatrical life.

Another treat but of a different character will be the presentation of the ballet "'La Boutique Fantasque." Very comical, naughty at times, full of acting and miming and captivating dancing, this is a masterpiece amongst the modern exponents of terpsichore

It should be mentioned that "La Boutique Fantasque" was brought to Shanghai by Mr. C. S. Speyer of the A.D.C. who chose it from among the most successful ballets of the London stage.

Besides three evening performances, a special matinee performance will be given on Sunday, April 3, at 2.15 p.m, when children will be admitted at half price to $3 and $2 seats. Advance booking is open at Moutrie's and at the theatre.

GRAND STAGE SHOW

Breaking away from their usual straight picture policy for once, the management of the Grand Theatre announce a stage show as part of their Sunday's programme in conjunction with the film, "Invisible Menace," starring Boris Karloff. The stage show will be presented three times daily for the duration of the picture.

A new and talented team of adagio dancers in the shapely persons of Jean and Robert are being introduced to Shanghai, by arrangement with Farren's, and by courtesy of the Metropole Cafe. Don Jose and his orchestra will render musical hits from "Hollywood Hotel," "Love, Honour and Behave," and will conclude with the song hit of the United States, "Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen." Jean and Robert are doing a waltz-rhumba routine in beautiful costumes. Also for the occasion a new vocalist, Miss Freda Gabriel, makes her professional debut.

FEMALE GEORGE ARLISS

It seems to be the destiny of Anna Neagle to become a sort of female George Arliss. Arliss has impersonated a whole gallery of historical characters all of whom have borne an unmistakable identity. Miss Neagle has succeeded in making Peg Woffington and Nell Gwynn remarkably alike and there was even a suggestion of these sprightly actresses about the early Victoria in "Victoria the Great."

The news about her a few weeks ago was that she would soon give her large public a screen study of Lady Hamilton, who was presented in pictures a few years ago by Coreen Griffith. The faithful Mr. Wilcox had all his plans ready and the picture was to be made on the grand scale in technicolour. Then, quite suddenly, the arrangements were all changed and we learn that Miss Neagle would make another as Queen Victoria and that this would precede Lady Hamilton, indefinitely postponed.

The reason for this change is probably to be found in the enormous box office success of "Victoria the Great," which all over England is breaking most of the records. Obviously there must be a temptation for producing companies to make hay while the sun shines and cash in on the Victorian vogue as long as it lasts. But experience shews that sequels are very seldom successful. This instance may break the rule. At any rate, Miss Neagle's next picture will be called "Victoria and Albert."

The cast will be very much the same as the one which appeared in "Victoria the Great." Anton Walbrook will again be Prince Consort. There will be one notable addition in Mr. Aubrey Smith who is to appear as the Duke of Wellington. This is an almost inescapable piece of casting. The veteran actor, who is now 74 and full of vigour, would almost appear to have been made by nature to impersonate the Iron Duke.

DANCING CONTEST

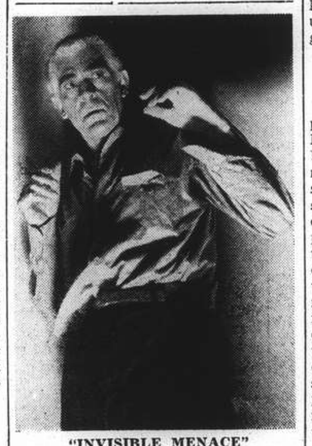
The fourth elimination round in the dance contests at the Paramount Ballroom will be held to-night. Ten couples have registered for the event and it is anticipated by Mr. A. V. Martin Manager, that fully ten more will be in the contest. Chinese contestants are now one up on foreign contestants, as the result of the decision of the judges last Monday night. On that occasion a Chinese couple walked off with first honours, second prize also going to another Chinese couple. The judges were Miss Pat Dobbie, Mr. William Mandell and Mr. T. W. Loh. All first-prize winners in the elimination affairs are eligible for the semi-finals and the grand finals, to be held early next month. Dance music at the Paramount is furnished by Gloria Andico's orchestra. Miss Gloria is now singing new music from "100 Men and A Girl." For the dance contests Ray Nelson is master of ceremonies.

DON JOSE
To head the stage show at the Grand Theatre on Sunday.

"FAUST" TO-NIGHT IN THE LYCEUM

What probably will be one of the outstanding productions of the Shanghai Opera Company is that of "Faust" to-night in the Lyceum Theatre—in the nature of a benefit to their star basso, V. Shushlin, who will sing Mephistopheles, Zorich will do Marguerite. Well-received on its first presentation last autumn in the Canidrome, taking into consideration the facilities of the Lyceum, it should be head and shoulders above the former effort. Maestro Sloutsky is directing the orchestra.

On Saturday and Sunday another favourite, Puccini's "La Boheme," will be presented with five of the principals of the company taking part. Among them are Shushlin, Zorich, Sitnikova, Kudinoff and Markov. Special scenery has been prepared for this production by Enfield and it is said that the general ensemble and musical effects will leave nothing to be desired.



"INVISIBLE MENACE"
Boris Karloff comes soon to the Grand in this thriller.

STOKOWSKI AND DISNEY

The news that Stokowski will conduct the orchestra for the making of Walt Disney's forthcoming picture of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" is merely one more example of the intimate association of music with the screen. Stokowski has followed Paderewski in playing himself in a screen comedy with Deanna Durbin.

Evidently he enjoys the pictures and believes in them. He believes that "'The Sorcerer's Apprentice" will help to make Dukas' famous scherzo known to millions and will lead to a wider appreciation of a great deal of other good music.

Stokowski's faith is clearly shared by many musicians now-a-days. Strong evidence of this is to be found in a concert recently broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation. This concert was made up entirely of music composed by well-known musicians for popular films. It included music for "The Divorce of Lady X" by Miklos Rozsa; for "Song of Ceylon" by Walter Leigh; for the "Scarlet Pimpernel" pictures by Arthur Benjamin, and for the "Conquest of the Air" (mentioned in this column last week and not yet publicly shown) by Arthur Bliss, who composed the music for "Things to Come."

SKATING—DANCING

The Metropole Garden and Ballroom now offers patrons indoor dancing and open air roller skating. The skating is in the garden, which is surrounded by comfortable chairs and tables. The latest style American skates are available. Music is provided for the skating. In the ballroom proper Ernie Kaai, master of every instrument played in modern bands, holds forth and is the chief attraction. The skating rink is open from 8 a.m.

BELA LUGOSI'S RETURN

The youngest generation of cinema-goers must almost have forgotten Béla Lugosi. It is now a few years ago since he was making the multitudes' flesh creep by his impersonation of Count Dracula. Lugosi shared with Boris Karloff all the glory and horror associated with the wave of crude thrillers which swept the studios and cinemas at the time. These thrillers were mainly responsible for the British Board of Film Censors deciding that certain pictures were unsuitable for children, a decision which has now fallen on the innocent head of Walt Disney.

With the disappearance of the popular horrific film, Béla Lugosi dropped literally out of the pictures. But soon he will be seen again. Columbia have decided to revive the serial, that favourite of the silent days. The first of these serials will be called, "The Secrets of Treasure Island." Lugosi will play the villain and Don Terry the hero. There will be fifteen chapters or instalments and the more unsophisticated sections of the audience will be kept waiting in breathless suspense until next week as they were in the good old days of Pearl White.

FROM OLD HAWAII

All preparations have been completed by the management of the Majestic Ballroom for the series of Hawaiian Nights, which will commence to-morrow night. In presenting these special nights it is stressed by the management that every effort is being made to really present something new and entertaining. To this end a chorus of eight girls, all new to the local world of entertainment, will offer the modern hula dance in unison. Other features include 150 girls in Hawaiian costumes, special Hawaiian music by the new dance band, which makes its debut to-morrow night, and special scenery by Enfield. It is planned to present Hawaiian Nights for eight nights, and more if the scheme meets with the full approval of patrons.

SHORT EMBRACES

Mr. Fred Allen has been a film cutter for the past 20 years. His latest work has been editing "The Adventures of Marco Polo" in which Gary Cooper stars. Naturally he has a long memory so far as cinema history is concerned and has seen somethnig of fashionable phases in the making and marketing of pictures. He has been noting the changing reactions of audiences to-day to love scenes. At one time an embrace could be made to last more than a minute and the audience enjoyed it. To-day 20 seconds are considered more than a liberal allowance. When a love scene is protracted the audience becomes restless.

Mr. Allen says that the modern girl has no use for Romeos and lingering farewells. She prefers the youth who leaps into a car with hardly so much as a wave of the hand to express emotion. Her ideal lover is business-like and energetic and his energy has to be expressed in every-day, reasonable action.

FRANCISCA
On the entertainment staff at DD's Night Club.

MAN'S EXPERIMENTS AT FLYING

London Film Productions will soon give to the public an elaborate and costly documentary picture. With the title "Conquest of the Air," it is a story of man's attempt at flight throughout the ages. The picture begins by showing the natural flight of birds. There follows a summary of the legendary attempts of Icarus and others. It then proceeds with pictures of actual and more recent experiments, including those of Leonardo da Vinci.

This picture will be made interesting and picturesque in a series of historical episodes. And well known actors and actresses will appear in it. For example, Laurence Olivier will play the part of Lunardi, one of the first to venture in a balloon. In the da Vinci episode, Margaretta Scott will impersonate Isabella d'Este. Amongst the well known characters who will appear are the brothers Montgolfier, Count Zeppelin, Blériot, Wilbur and Orville Wright, Otto Lilienthal and Robert Cocking.

The last episode will present some more things to come. There will be a vast metropolitan air port sending stratosphere liners to all parts of the world. The camera will follow the flight of one of these liners which covers the distance between London and New York in less than two hours. This picture has been finally edited and will very soon be released. It should make a strong appeal to that multitude who believe that in the years to come organized life will depend to a very large extent on organized flight.

"GYPSY PREMIER"

Characterized by much less dialogue than "Hussar Love," their last production, the Russian Light Opera will present "Gypsy Premier" in the Lyceum Theatre on March 24, 26 and 27. This will be more to the liking of non-Russian patrons of the organization. The plot is said to be intriguing and involves drama, melodrama and considerable comedy.

In the principal roles are Orlovskaya, Bitner, Valin and Rosen, while supporting players include Slobodskoy, Gaidaroff and Andreev. Ballet scenes will be interpreted by Volsy's troupe.

Franciska Gaal, who co-stars with Fredric March in "The Buccaneer," is Hungary's largest income-tax payer, but says her European salary on which the tax is paid is "buttons" compared to most Hollywood salaries.

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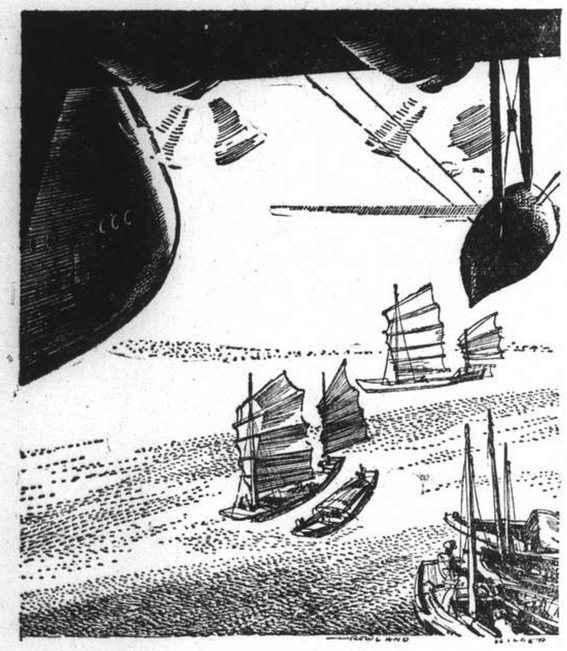

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DEATH

HUDDLESTON.—On Tuesday, March 15, 1938, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, ELIZABETH EDNA, aged two years, the dearly-beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Huddleston. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held to-morrow, Friday, March 18, 1938, at the Hungjao Road Cemetery at 2 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving remembrance of our dearest Mother, MARY V. YANISHEVSKY, who passed away so suddenly, on March 17, 1933. To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die. To know her was to love her. -3089

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FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE

Mr. Paul V. McNutt, U.S. High Commissioner to the Philippines, has issued a grave warning as to the possible fate of those islands should there not be the indefinite continuation of the United States sovereignty over them, while granting their inhabitants all possible autonomy and the "best trade deal possible." He urged that America should reserve to itself jurisdiction over the islands' foreign affairs, tariffs, immigration, currency and public debt problems. It may be thought that the remnants left to the Filipinos of the independence they are at present to secure would not amount to much, but there can be no doubt about it that they cannot have full independence and at the same time the protection which will be necessary if the Philippines are to continue as they are now. It has been said by a Japanese publicist that it did not matter what flag flew over the Philippines so long as the Japanese controlled their trade. To a great extent that may be true, but if the Filipinos persist in their demand for complete independence, if present developments in the Far East continue to what appears to be their logical end, they may one day find that they would have merely changed flags and gained nothing. That has been felt, since the passing of the legislation giving the Filipinos complete independence after a period of ten years, by a fairly large section of Filipino opinion, and in the course of one of his frequent visits to the Far East, Mr. Roy Howard made investigations into the matter. He found this sentiment to be so strong that some Filipinos even then talking about asking the United States Congress for readmission into the American commonwealth, were of the opinion that should this be refused they should petition the British Empire with a similar request.

At the time Mr. Howard's article on the subject appeared in these columns, this journal expressed the opinion that such a request was unlikely to receive favourable consideration by Great Britain, for there was no reason, despite the undeniable wealth of the islands, why she should extend her commitements in the Far East by such means. It is doubtful whether any other Power would accept so grave a liability, and the issue seems to resolve itself into two alternatives—either the United States should maintain what after all amounts to suzerainty over the Philippine Islands, or they should be given complete freedom even at the risk of their eventually being absorbed by Japan. Mr. McNutt is very emphatic on the subject for he dramatically announces that "I venture to predict that if our flag comes down, the Philippines will be the bloody ground of a war within a war for a generation." But there are not only such considerations as these which have to be recognized. Independence would have the effect of making the Filipinos aliens so far as the United States is concerned with all the disabilities that that would entail, and Mr. McNutt sums up the ultimate condition of the people of the islands as facing "a real threat of racial extinction.....and economic disaster attendant upon the sudden loss of the American market." It may very well be argued that these considerations must have been well within the knowledge of the Filipino leaders who so energetically agitated for independence in Washington, and before Congress when it was considering the legislation which was then passed. That is true, but then, the High Commissioner speaks of the changed conditions which have arisen since. They are of a political nature and cut right to the roots of the whole of the Philippines problem.

Mr. McNutt points out, and very rightly, too, that treaties regarding the Far East have been violated, the open door has been more than seriously challenged and the American policy of freedom of the seas and of the air is in the balance. At the time the Philippines Independence Act was passed international morality, even then somewhat attenuated, had not lapsed so badly as it since has. There was some hope that, on a basis of the right to self-determination and international goodwill, the Filipinos might have been allowed to work out their own destiny unhampered by any sort of control. Such a hope has been denied by all that has occurred in the Far East since. Even if it were possible to negotiate a treaty amongst the Powers recognizing and guaranteeing the independence of the islands, there would be little reason to expect, judging from all that has happened in recent years, that it would have any greater binding force than other and similar instruments which have been flagrantly disregarded by some of the parties to them. That being the case the independent Philippines would be thrown upon their own resources for their defence against aggression. Those resources are insignificant as compared with the Oriental Power which has been taking so great an interest in the Philippines question, and it naturally follows that without the powerful backing which the United States can give, the Filipinos would be completely unable to stand alone against the developments which are normally to be expected. These facts a section of Filipino public opinion is beginning to realize. They commence to understand that complete independence has its grave dangers, while a degree of self-autonomy under the wing of a powerful nation is about the most they can hope to expect and certainly the safest. It remains to be seen whether public opinion in the United States will readily adopt the view which Mr. McNutt has so ably put forward. To so many in the western hemisphere questions such as this have but an academic importance, and as a result they are apt to be lethargic. If, therefore, it takes as long to induce Congress to modify its attitude as it did to persuade it to give the Filipinos the independence which is now coming to them, the latter may yet find themselves outside the American commonwealth.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

To-day is St. Patrick's Day and will be celebrated all over the world where the sons of Erin have settled or congregate. In Shanghai, due consideration to the unusual conditions prevailing has been paid and the observance of the day will be on a quiet and dignified scale but yet keeping in mind the great traditions associated with the day. There will be the usual wreathlaying at the War Memorial but the ball will be replaced by a luncheon at the Shanghai Club. Distinctive of the racial sentiment which characterizes the Irish there will be a pilgrimage to Bubbling Well Cemetery when wreaths will be placed on the graves of the five members of the Royal Ulster Rifles, who were killed on the British perimeter in the western district last October during the difficult times accompanying the Japanese occupation of the Shanghai area. Since last March when Irishmen celebrated their patron saint's day great changes have occurred not only in China but in Ireland. The new state of Eire, which has caused much verbal speculation in pronunciation but is said to rhyme with Sarah, has been brought into existence although Northern Ireland remains true to its traditional spirit of aloofness politically. Mr. Eamon de Valera and his ministers are now negotiating in London and these negotiations have ended in a deadlock but this should not be interpreted as an indication of friction. It is merely a question of differing points of view, and the fact is reported that far from antagonism these talks have led to great improvement in relations between the Ministers of the two countries. The political field produces all sorts of harsh differences but these are on paper and not personal and will not interfere with other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations extending their congratulations to Irishmen on this, their national day.

THERE'S NO OCCASION

Judgment on the Japanese charges that the Chinese Government has been subsidizing foreign correspondents must be held up pending the production of the documents said to have been found by the Japanese Army in Nanking. These documents, according to the Japanese, go to prove that newspapermen in China have been bribed. The Japanese spokesman yesterday said that he would produce the documents in question for inspection by foreign correspondents. The documents are awaited with interest by the correspondents in Shanghai, where the charge is greeted with general incredulity. Reuter has been specifically named as receiving a subsidy. Yesterday the General Manager of Reuter's in the Far East, Mr. C. J. Chancellor, ridiculed the charge, and all who are acquainted with the reputation of that famous news agency will agree that the allegation is absurd. Meanwhile the charge has been the subject of much flippant comment among the generally penurious newspaper community. Who has been getting the money? And how much? Affluence is so unusual in the profession that it seldom escapes notice and a degree of friendly envy. And, besides, there is the ancient and oft quoted quatrain:

You cannot hope to bribe or twist—
Thank God!—the British journalist.
But seeing what the man will do
Unbribed, there's no occasion to.

So far the only documents produced affect foreign correspondents not at all. More are awaited.

FIGHTING IN SPAIN

With rebel forces sweeping eastwards from Caspe, at the junction of the Rivers Ebro and Guadalope in Spain, a determined attempt is being made to cut the communications between Barcelona and Valencia. Should Gen. Franco's forces succeed in doing that, it would seem that humanly speaking the days of the Catalonian Government would be numbered, for thus isolated and deprived of whatever supplies the Spanish Government could afford them they would be left to fight what it appears would prove to be a losing battle. It need not follow that this is inevitable, for the civil war in Spain has presented many surprises. A coup d'état, which started in 1936 and was expected to be finished in the course of a few days, was transformed into a civil war which, contrary to all expectations, has now lasted for nearly two years. There is some talk of the Powers intervening in an attempt to secure an armistice, but it is extremely doubtful whether Gen. Franco and his advisers, so long as they think they are on a winning wicket, will agree to anything which might tend to delay the victory they believe is in sight. The desperation of the Catalonian Government is indicated by its decision to call the class of 1941 to the colours, consisting mostly of lads of 17 or 18 years of age. This report conflicts with stories of the flight of the Barcelona Government, and until further cables are to hand the situation will remain obscure. It is, however, quite clear that the insurgents have achieved one of the major successes of their campaign, and if they do indeed bring about the fall of Barcelona the moral effect of the Loyalist troops will, it is expected be considerable. On the other hand, when dealing with possibilities in Spain it has always to be remembered that the desperation of the fighting leads to many surprising changes, and with the inspiration dominating the Loyalists it is by no means sure that they will be unable to stage a "come back."

THE CALCUTTA CUP

The Rugby championship at Home will depend upon the result of the Calcutta Cup match to be played at Twickenham next Saturday. If Scotland wins or ties, the crown will be hers. If England wins, then honours will be shared between the two countries and Wales. Scotland's Rugby revival came as somewhat of a surprise to all critics, and especially Scottish critics who united in expressing the deepest gloom over the season's prospects. The victory over Wales, even though won in the last minutes, gave cause for hope, and the subsequent victory over Ireland seems to have given rise to definite optimism, even though Ireland's team is this season believed to be one of the weakest that country has put in the field for many years. England is still an uncertain quantity, inspite of the almost record-breaking victory over Ireland in Dublin. If figures counted for anything, England should be a strong favourite on Saturday. But in international Rugby they count for very little. All critics except one or two in some of the Sunday papers which specialize more in sensationalism than in constructive description, exhausted their adjectives over the game in Dublin. It was described as "freak," "fantastic," and "unsatisfactory." And every one was agreed that the play, except for some brilliant patches, was generally much below international standard on both sides. It seems fairly obvious therefore that, as an occasion by which to measure the potentialities of the English side against the opposition they are likely to meet from Scotland, the match is of very little value. Both sides are making one change in the teams that defeated Ireland. Renwick comes in on the wing for Scotland in place of Drummond, and Candler replaces Cranmer at centre for England.

IN PARENTHESIS

Wisecrack

AND when a woman appears pensive, it is a fair bet that she is really planning to be very expensive.

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Joke For The Children

THE modern aeroplane, says an airman, can do anything a bird can do. Personally, we have yet to sample an aeroplane egg.

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Late Arrival

"I STUMBLED across some famous people at the first night show," writes a critic.

He should have taken his seat earlier.

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Blessing

"There are fewer sopranos since women started smoking," says a doctor.

This is the greatest argument yet in favour of smoking.

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Nearly Finis

AMID the drizzle and the thaw,
Surrounded by a Shanghai welter,
Beneath a bit of thin, cold straw,
He tried to seek some sort of shelter.
Besides the piercing wind, the rain,
Which soaked his body to the bone,
Made him crouch closer again and again
To building wall and pavement stone.

The cold of night was hard to bear,
But when the morning light came back,
It found him still alive, lying there
With his face peering out, all black,
With his eyes filled with soot and matter,
With his legs bent to fit the place,
His tired ears unheeding the clatter
Of passing feet and hurrying pace.

He pulled the straw towards his chin,
And fixed the dirty cloth which covered
His head, with hunger moaning within,
He knew how near death had hovered
Above his miserable soul;
And with such awful suffering,
Although so heavy is its toll,
We well may say "Death, where's thy sting?"

—E. K.

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St. Pancake's Day

ST. Pancake's day is still observed in fleet Street. The old custum of tossing the pancake is carried out in the "Stonehand's Rest," and the resulting scrambel for peices causes much exitement.

Aubrey Attaboy is usuelly very lucky on these occasions: last yer he grabbed three half-pints of mild-and-bitter when the contest was on. Unforchunately one of them happend to be his own, so he really only gained two.

AT that time Annie was the Home Page Edditress at the "Daily Wangle." Thinking to give the ladds a treet, she cooked pancakes acording to her verry own resipe in the canteen, and sent one to each member of the staff.

Well, none of the chaps had seen Annie's pancakes before and they used them how they thought fit. The Film Crittic, thinking it was just anuther peice of pubblicity from a film cumpany, threw it at the w.p.b. Like some of his reviews it missed, and stunned a coppy-boy entering the room at the physiolodgical moment.

Vicount Fortrosse, the famus gossup-writer, thougt one of his numerus readers had sent him a token of their regard, and wore the pancake as a chest-protecter for the rest of the winter. He was glad when the cold wether was over.

The guy what writes the Gramaphone Notes played his pancake over twice, wrote a glowing acount of the Battersea Boilerworks Brass Band's latest effort, and then sent out for a new box of needles.

WHEN the News Edditer recieved his pancake he grumbled about the way reporters send in their copy, marked it "8-pt." and sent it up to the comp-room.

A pancake was allso sent to the Foundrey Foreman. He returned it, saying he couldent do nothink with it—they would have to send him better matrixes in future, or, better still, send him the original.

As far as is known, only one of Annie's pancakes were actually eaten. Lord Bothersnook, proprieter of the "Wangle," was the lucky man. After he had recuvvered he ast who sent it, and now Annie doesent cook here any more!

USE Sandgrit Self-Raising Flour, girls, if you want to make Perfect Pancakes for Pale Press-boys. If Annie had used Sandgrit she would still been Home Page Edditress—which is nice work if you can get it.

—Marmaduke in the "World's Press News."

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

Yesterday	Min.	37.0	Max.	58.0
Same date, 1937	Min.	48.5	Max.	71.5

Rainfall nil.

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min.	30.2	Max.	61.3
Same date, 1937	Min.	46.6	Max.	72.5

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 15th:—Anticyclone steady over China, Korea and Japan. Fresh north-easterly winds along the Coast. Cloudy and fine weather in the north and over our regions.

State on the morning of the 16th:—Fine and foggy weather in the morning. Calm of wind. High and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, milder and hazy weather with fresh south-easterly to south-westerly winds around Shantung. Cloudy and fine and rather cold with morning fog and northerly to easterly breezes over our Coasts. Cloudy, locally overcast with moderating northerly to easterly winds over the Eastern Sea and Formosa.—Siccawei Observatory.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

American Civilian Relief Society.—From Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gande in memory of Dr. J. W. Ridgway.

School for Poor Russian Children.—From

H. G. A.	$ 5.00

in memory of Miss Olga Levitsky.

The King's Daughters Society.—From Mrs.

B. Cook (Melbourne)	$50.00
Mrs. A. M. Thompson	$50.00
9 Crescent Avenue, per Associated Member—for Hostel	$ 6.00

Father Jacquinot's Refugee Fund.—From

"First Generation"	$20.00

The Royal Society of St. George.—From

Dora	$ 5.00
Charles D. Belton	$10.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooper	$ 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott	$10.00

in memory of Mrs. Helen Mousley.

International Red Cross Society.—From Di

Bowern"	$10.00
Miss C. Boyack	$ 3.00

in memory of Miss Grace Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bowen	$ 5.00

in memory of Mrs. Li Ming.

SPANISH NATIONALISTS DRIVE UPON CATALAN FRONTIER

Italian Troops Lead Smashing Advance: German Planes and Moroccan Soldiers Assist

BARCELONA RALLYING DEFENCE FORCES

Hendaye, Mar. 16.

GEN. Francisco Franco announced to-day that under the leadership of Italian "Black Arrows" forces, the Spanish Nationalist Armies were steadily driving toward the Mediterranean coast in an offensive designed to split the Republicans forces.

"On the Aragon front," a communique issued at Salamanca said, "the Nationalists have reached the Guadalupe River on the right wing and the village of Chiprana on the left wing where the enemy tried to resist. Late on Tuesday the Nationalists advanced beyond Caspe and occupied Riseula slope along the Alcaniz-Caspe road and then continued onward. The right wing occupied Muella Segunda, La Coruna, La Zome and the village of Los Olmos Palomar de Arroyos."

Nationalist reports claimed the capture of thousands of Republicans as their three spear-heads pushed irresistibly toward the south-east and the Catalonian coast. Advance guards to-day were only approximately forty miles from the sea.

Reports from the front said the Republican retreat from Aragon was crumbling under the heavy Nationalist aerial and artillery barrage. Hospitals in the rear were rapidly filling with wounded Republicans.

Barcelona Cabinet Stands

Republicans hurriedly mobilized all available reserves some distance behind the lines for another attempt to stop the Nationalist advance. The Nationalist columns were so near to Barcelona that many citizens were fleeing to the French border to escape nationalist air raids and artillery fire.

Rumours of the imminent fall of the Spanish Republican Government were angrily denied after an emergency session of the Cabinet.

The Cabinet denied it had sued for an armistice or that it was about to evacuate. Republican reserves, a spokesman said, have stemmed the Nationalist advance.

Republican claim their counter-drive forced Gen. Franco's flanks to retreat leaving the spear-head of Italian, German and Nationalist troops in an isolated and serious position. The advance guard units were said to be on the southern bank of the Ebro River, nine miles east of the historic Spanish town of Caspe.

The Republican Government revealed that the Nationalist spear-head included scores of German tanks aided by 400 planes. The official report claimed that 30,000 German Storm Troopers had arrived to assist in the Nationalist drive.

An Italian aviator captured to-day, revealed that approximately 700 planes, mostly German and Italian, were taking part in Gen. Franco's tremendous drive.

Gen. Franco's Moroccan cavalry meanwhile were sweeping across the Catalan frontier from Caspe, driving Republican defenders into speedy retreat.

Barcelona in Turmoil

Residents of Barcelona, threatened by approaching Nationalist artillery, almost continuous Nationalist air raids and the possibility of internal revolt within the city, were in terror as the first invasion of their province since the Great War began.

Hundreds filled the streets in Barcelona where parading demonstrators carried banners demanding that the Government permit extreme Labour Party leaders to assume power. Workers were reported arresting suspected Nationalist sympathizers, leading to fears of a purge before Nationalist troops are able to occupy the city. Many terrified citizens in the Lerida region were fleeing to the French border, seeking to escape the path of the Nationalist advance.

The Catalan Government called the class of 1941 to the colours. Most of the boys of the class are 17 and 18 years of age. Mobilization of the class was difficult, however, because of the confusion in the city and the flight of many residents from the capital.—United Press.

France Refuses Barcelona Plea For Defence Aid

French Warships Sent for Evacuating Nationals

GERMAN EMBASSY DENIES TROOPS SENT

Paris, Mar. 16.

M. Leon Blum, the French Premier, harassed by the Austrian crisis and new French financial problems, to-day flatly rejected Republican Spain's plea for intervention in the civil war. The Premier decided this despite insistent Communist demands for immediate action to bolster the weakening Republican resistance.

The Spanish Ambassador in Paris, Sr. Angel Ossorio Y Gallardo, twice visited M. Blum to plead for assistance. On the second occasion M. Blum was absent and the Ambassador was received by the Minister for the Premier's Office, M. Vincent Auriol, whom the Ambassador is understood to have informed that the situation in Spain was critical unless modern equipment including heavy field guns, were supplied to the Republicans. He added that the Republican Armies were unable to check their retreat.

Reports reaching Paris stated that the Barcelona authorities had asked Gen. Franco for peace terms, simultaneously requesting that the Nationalists place a warship at their disposal to remove 500 Catalonian leaders who feared execution if the extreme Leftists seized power before the Nationalist troops reached Barcelona.—United Press.

German Embassy Denial

London, Mar. 16.

The German Embassy here has categorically denied news of the sending of 30,000 men and officers, shock troops and technicians of the Reichswehr to Nationalist Spain, as had been reported by the Spanish Embassy yesterday.—Havas.

French Defence Council Meets

Paris, Mar. 16.

The Spanish Republican Government, it is stated in well-informed quarters here, may shortly be led to demand the mediation of the Powers with a view to concluding an armistice. The French Government, it is added, is willing to aid in this matter.

The French Supreme Council of National Defence met last night in the office of the Premier and was reported to consider the situation in Spain. Earlier, a French cruiser, destroyer and torpedo boat left for Barcelona to protect French nationals.

The Foreign Minister, M. Joseph Paul-Boncour, received Sir Eric Phipps, the British Ambassador in Paris, and was understood to have expressed the French Government's grave concern regarding the effect a speedy victory by Gen. Francisco Franco would have on the French position. France's fears were not only based on diplomatic considerations, but also on security.

The view is held in well-informed quarters that the German and Italian elements in Gen. Franco's army are very large and, if they are not withdrawn, it would constitute a menace to the safety of France's Mediterranean frontier. It is such a danger that France must ward off.—Reuter.

Catalan Separatism Denied

London, Mar. 16.

Sensational reports published in London on the situation in Barcelona have been denied by a delegate of the Catalan Government in London. He said he had just telephoned Barcelona and the Catalan Government had stated it did not contemplate and had never considered a separate peace with the Nationalists.

Rumours of panic in Barcelona, with refugees leaving the city and Gen. Franco's guns audible there, were described as baseless. Barcelona is 200 km. from the nearest front. The delegate declared that Gen. Franco's advance was not likely to continue as he had now reached high mountains. Normal communications between Catalonia and the rest of Spain were in no way endangered, he said.

An official of the Spanish Embassy in London, in an interview with Reuter, gave similar denials and added that enquiries in Paris showed that the report that Catalonia had appealed to France for aid in preserving her independence was not true.—Reuter.

Barcelona, Mar. 16.

Senor Juan Negarin, Premier of the Spanish Popular Front Government, returned here after a flying visit to Paris and immediately summoned his Cabinet. Although the Nationalists are now only 20 miles from the Catalan border, Barcelona remains calm.—Reuter.

WHITNEY INDICTED FOR STEALING CLUB FUND

New York, Mar. 15.

Mr. Richard Whitney, former President of the New York Stock Exchange, was to-day indicted by the New York Country grand jury for stealing funds belonging to the New York Yacht Club. He was convicted yesterday of first degree grand larceny for misappropriating a family trust fund.—United Press.

HOLLAND LOOKS TO OWN DEFENCES

Austrian Events "Increase Our Troubles"

Amsterdam, Mar. 16.

The decision of the Netherlands Government to enforce immediately the recent law authorizing an increase in the period of military training from 5½ to eleven months was announced in a broadcast speech by the Prime Minister, Dr. H. Colijn.

He said the Government was compelled by circumstances to take this decision.

"The vital interests of the country are at stake," Dr. Colijn declared. "The recent events in Austria have deeply impressed the Netherlands Government and have increased our troubles.

"Although there is no immediate danger of war," he added, "hitherto there have been several months in the year in which no resistance whatever against a sudden surprise would have been possible."

In view of the very rapid course which military actions now seemed to be able to take, Dr. Colijn declared, this situation could not continue.—Reuter.

GOLD NOW FLOWING TOWARDS U.S.A.

Reversal of Trend from London Indicated

New York, Mar. 15.

The exodus of capital from European countries to the United States following events in Austria has permitted the banks in New York to make dispositions for the transfer of U.S.$2,500,000 of gold from London to New York.

This reverses the flow of gold which for several weeks seemed to be towards Great Britain, the Netherlands and Switzerland. It is believed to be the beginning of a new influx of gold into the United States.

This is the first time since the modification of the gold sterilization policy (which had resulted in imports of gold up to $400,000,000 per year) that shipments of gold reached such a height.—Havas.

Noted Austrian Leader Choses Suicide Death

Major Emil Fey Shoots Self, Wife and Son

ROTHSCHILD HELD

Berlin Ready to Hail Fuehrer in Triumph

Vienna, Mar. 16.

Major Emil Fey, an Austrian War hero, founder and former leader of the Austrian Heimwehr and one time known as the "strong man of Austria," committed suicide here to-day with his wife and son.

A revolver is believed to have been used, but the police has hitherto made no statement. The news is not known to the public yet.

Other suicides are reported.—Reuter.

Baron Rothschild Arrested

London, Mar. 16.

The "Exchange Telegraph" in a report from Budapest to-day said that Nazis in Vienna had arrested Baron Louis de Rothschild, head of the largest bank in the Danubian states.—United Press.

Berlin Prepares for Fuehrer

Berlin, Mar. 16.

All school children have been given a holiday and all shops, offices and factories are closed, for Herr Hitler's triumphal return from Vienna this afternoon. The city is being ransacked for flags.

The Fuehrer is expected to make an important speech after his return. He will also make several plebiscite addresses in Austria before the vote on April 10. The first is likely to be made in Graz.—Reuter.

Great Welcome by Munich

Munich, Mar. 15.

When Herr Hitler arrived here this evening an enthusiastic reception awaited him equal to that which greeted him in Vienna yesterday.

The aeroplane in which he flew from Vienna, was escorted by a squadron of bombers. From the aerodrome to the town Nazis bearing flaming torches were lined up while many thousands of cheering spectators hailed the Fuehrer as he drove through streets closely guarded by the police.

Herr Hitler laid a wreath on the monument to the Nazis who were killed on November 9, 1923.

In Vienna yesterday afternoon, the Fuehrer laid a wreath on the Vienna War Memorial. As he emerged from the crypt, 7,000 people, on specially erected stands, and many thousands more lining the streets broke into wild cheers. The military parade at Heldenplatz, where even the roofs and telephone boxes were covered with spectators, lasted for two hours. Before the parade, nearly 400 German planes flew in successive arrow formation over the city.

At the grandstand, Herr Hitler greeted representatives of Vienna and also spoke a few words to Herr Franz von Papen, the former German Ambassador to Austria.

Many former Austrian troops wore the German emblem of the Reich as they marched past the Fuehrer Bavarian and Wurttemberg regiments also took part in the parade.—Reuter.

Germany's Gratitude

Milan, Mar. 16.

"I shall never forget what Italy has done. Our friendship is stronger and more solid than ever. We are ready to prove this friendship and gratitude if one day Italy should need it."

This statement, according to "Il Popolo d'Italia," Signor Mussolini's newspaper, was made by Herr Hitler in Vienna yesterday in an interview.—Reuter.

Shanghai Consulate Closed

It was officially announced yesterday that, as Austria has become a state of the German Reich, the Austrian Consulate in Shanghai was closed on Tuesday, and its archives taken over by the German Consulate-General.

JEWS NOT TO VOTE IN PLEBISCITE

Acknowledgment of Herr Hitler as Leader Asked

Vienna, Mar. 16.

It has been officially announced in a radio broadcast that the Jews will be excluded from voting in the plebiscite on April 10.

The plebiscite question is:—

"Do you recognise as our leader Adolf Hitler and thus the union between Austria and the German Reich realised on March 13?"—Reuter.

NEW MAP SHOWN IN VIENNA

German-Speaking Europe Coloured Red

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Vienna, Mar. 16.

A map, which has attracted crowds of sightseers, has appeared on sale in bookshops in Vienna.

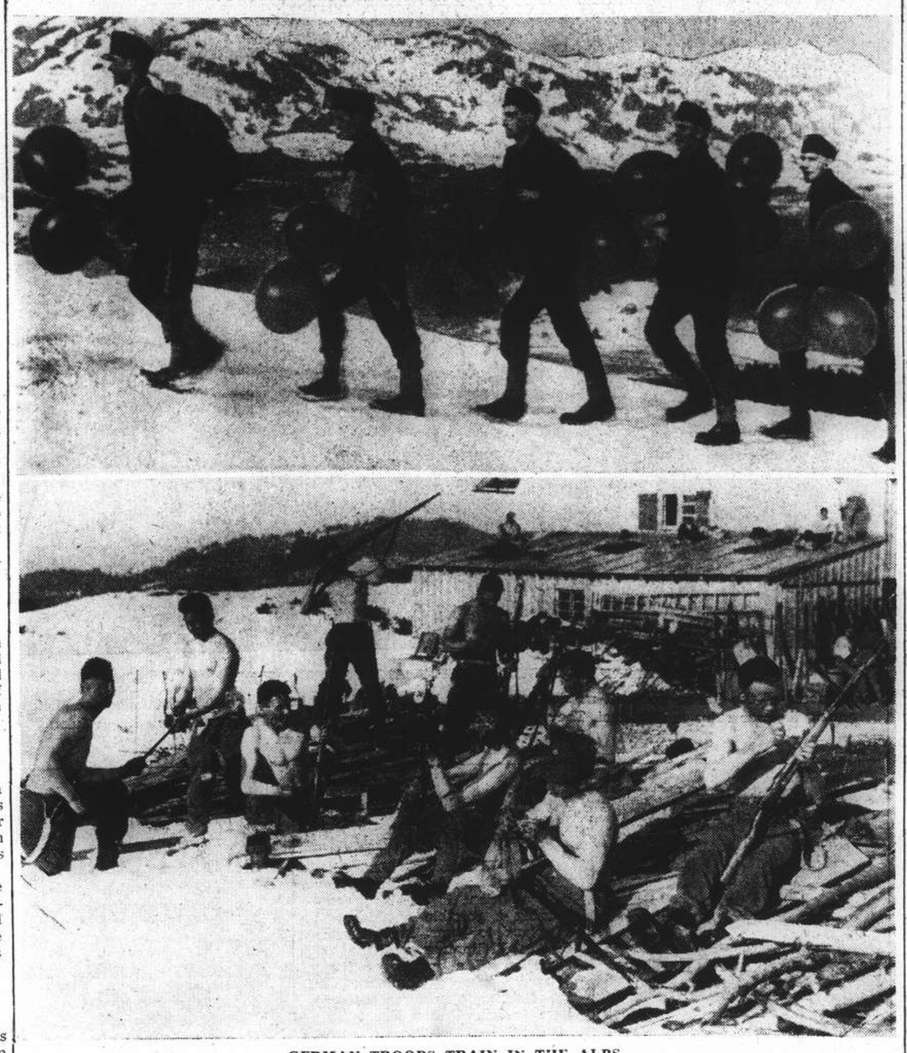
The map shows all the German-speaking parts of Europe in red, including Alsace-Lorraine, the German-speaking part of Switzerland, as far as Berne, the southern Tyrol and parts of Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

DR. VON SCHUSCHNIGG'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 16.

The report from Berlin that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg is staying with Count Esterhazy in Hungary has been emphatically denied by the Count's secretary in response to a telephone call from London. The secretary said Dr. von Schuschnigg had not arrived and was not expected.—Reuter.



GERMAN TROOPS TRAIN IN THE ALPS

German troops have been undergoing intensive training in the Alps for some time. In the upper picture they are shown carrying balloons to be used as rifle targets, and below, they are sunbathing in the snow of the Bavarian mountains, while cleaning their rifles after a hard day's work.

COMMONS INFORMED OF R.A.F. EXPANSION PROGRESS

Review of Programme Due Over European Events: Arms Regimentation of Country Repudiated

London, Mar. 15.

REPLYING to suggestions in the House of Commons that there should be a comprehensive enquiry into the administration of military as well as civil aviation, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that he did not know whether Mr. Frederick Montague, who had made the suggestion, speaking for Labour, "would like us to imitate Germany in the method she employed —regimenting the country for the production of armaments."

"We may have to, but we will not do it until we are convinced that nothing else will serve our purpose," Mr. Chamberlain declared. "You cannot find a more inopportune moment than the present to institute an investigation, which must distract the attention and occupy the minds of those not only engaged in administration, but on production. "Let us put our efforts together to get on with the job," he added, "and supply this country with the air force it requires in the shortest possible time."

He did not admit, the Prime Minister continued, that there was any parallel between the functions of the Air Ministry in relation to civil aviation and in relation to the Royal Air Force. The latter touched on vital interests and the security of the country, for which the responsibility of the Government was single and absolute.

That responsibility, Mr. Chamberlain declared, could not be shared with any committee of enquiry. If the development of civil aviation had lent itself to criticism, it was due to the very fact that, by the necessities of the case, the whole energies of the Air Secretary and his department, and of the aircraft industry, had been devoted to pushing forward the enormously accelerated Air Force programme.

Recapitulating the difficulties involved for industry and the Air Ministry itself in the vast programme of expansion, the Prime Minister paid tribute to the energy and ability with which they had been overcome.

Speech on Air Estimates

Effort to speed up armaments was the recurring note in the speech in the House to-day on the Air Estimates by Lt.-Col. A. J. Muirhead, Under Secretary for Air.

The Estimates, he said, disclosed no specially new features, but demonstrated the continuance of the policy and programme already decided upon, towards the implementation of which consistent progress had already been made.

As the Prime Minister had indicated yesterday, the Government was engaged on a fresh review of the situation following the international events of the last few days. He was not at present in a position to say what result this review might have in the acceleration or extension of the Air Force programme now before the House, but, of course, any further expenditure necessitated would appear in the form of supplementary Estimates.

The Estimates showed an expenditure of £103,000,000 (including £30,000,000 defrayable from the Defence Loan). This represented a 25 per cent. increase on the Estimates for last year. They also included a foundation for further expansion beyond the current programme.

Squadron Strengths Attained

Amplifying the particulars given on March 2, when the 1938 Air Estimates were issued, Lt-Col. Muirhead said that in addition to the Metropolitan Air Force of 123 squadrons, there were 26 squadrons overseas and a Fleet Air Arm of 20 squadrons.

Two objectives had been mentioned in the past for the expansion programme. One was 1,500 first-line aircraft by March, 1937. That objective had been reached. The other was approximately 1,750 first-line aircraft by March, 1939.

"We are now mid-way between the two objectives," he declared.

The output from shadow factories might be expected shortly, he con-

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British Foreign Policy Trend Is Already Defined

Mr. Chamberlain Refuses to Make Further Statement

SITUATION BEING KEPT IN CONSTANT REVIEW

London, Mar. 15.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, was asked in the House of Commons to-day by the Leader of the Labour Opposition, Mr. C. R. Attlee, if he would be in a position to-morrow to make a statement on the Government's policy in relation to international affairs.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "No, Sir, I do not think I shall."

Mr. Attlee then suggested that the House had been left with no clear lead yesterday and referred to the speech made by Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in winding up the debate on foreign affairs, which suggested that a further statement might be made this week.

The Prime Minister replied that it had not been suggested that a statement would be made this week.

He had, himself, said a new situation had arisen which would have to receive the consideration of the Government. However, he said "I should not like to pledge myself to a new cut and dried policy at a given moment," and added the assurance that the matter was under constant consideration.—Wireless through Reuter.

BRITISH FLIERS TO TRY FOR RECORDS

Clouston, Ricketts at Cairo: Broadbent at Batavia

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Cairo, Mar. 16.

Flying-Officer A. E. Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts left here for Basra at 9.22 (G.M.T.) this morning having arrived at 8.10 (G.M.T.) from Gravesend airport which they left at 8.20 p.m. yesterday in an attempt to beat the record for a flight to New Zealand. They expect to go from Basra to Allahabad without a stop.—Reuter.

Mr. Broadbent In Batavia

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Batavia, Mar. 16.

Mr. H. F. Broadbent, Australian airman, arrived here from Singapore at 7.10 (G.M.T.) this morning and left at 8 a.m. (G.M.T.) in his attempt to fly from England to Australia in less than four days. He hopes to reach Darwin by 3.30 (G.M.T.) to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

More U.S. Sentries Posted

American marines were stationed at the corner of Hart and Bubbling Well Roads for the first time yesterday afternoon, being accompanied by a Japanese constable of the S.M.P. to act as interpreter. It is understood that they will be stationed there indefinitely, in order to keep a watchful eye upon the western boundary of the American defence sector. The Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters requested permission yesterday from the U.S. Marine authorities to move a number of Japanese bluejackets through the American defence sector, but this permission was refused. The Naval Landing Party headquarters were informed that no bluejackets could be allowed through the sector, and they agreed to comply with this request. Japanese troops are allowed through the sector provided that they do not carry arms.

German Steamer Rescues Junk From Pirates

French Craft Taken in Tow Following Attack

SS. HERTHA ARRIVES IN NICK OF TIME

A daring pirating attempt upon a junk operating under the French flag was carried out at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the mouth of the Yangtze, it was learned yesterday. Two pirate junks suddenly hove in sight on the port side of the French craft. Without warning, the pirates opened fire on the junk, and ordered her to heave to, and surrender. It so happened that the German steamer Hertha, belonging to the German Far East Steamship Co., was passing by at the time, on her return voyage from Haimen. The master of the German ship, noticing distress signals sent out by the junk, immediately swung his ship round in her direction, and went to her assistance.

When the Hertha arrived alongside, it was found that there was one foreigner aboard, a Mr. Poniecki, a Polish citizen. He asked for assistance, which was readily granted, the French junk being taken in tow by the German steamer. The pirates saw that there was no further chance of obtaining any loot off the junk, and sailed away in the opposite direction. The French junk was towed up as far as Woosung by her rescuer, who arrived just in time to save her.

CREW ASLEEP WHEN STANWELL HIT

Danish Non-Intervention Officer Succumbs

London, Mar. 16.

The crew of the British steamer, the ss. Stanwell, were asleep when the ship was bombed and set on fire yesterday at the port of Tarragona, 45 miles south-west of Barcelona.

One bomb exploded in the engine room, killing a stoker named Macholland. Another bomb exploded in the bows, seriously injuring four of the crew of 35, while the Danish piracy control officer who was wounded, later died.

The captain ordered the crew to abandon ship, which, however, remained afloat. The fire aboard her was brought under control after burning for three hours.

The Stanwell was hit when Nationalist aeroplanes bombed Tarragona during four raids yesterday morning.—Reuter.

German Sudeten Party to Fight For Own Rights

Goal of Czechoslovak State Solemnly Repudiated

DECLARATION MADE IN PRAGUE PARLIAMENT

Prague, Mar. 16.

"We most solemnly declare that we have decided to fight together for our political rights, cultural freedom and economic and social security," declared Dr. Karl H. Frank, one of the leaders of the Sudeten German (Henlein Party) for whom he was speaking in Parlisment.

Dr. Frank said that "our movement has always felt itself to be a movement fighting against the fate which befell our people in 1918-19.

"The Sudeten Germans are now roused by a desire for life," he declared. Instead of granting Sudeten Germans their just rights, the Czechoslovakian Government is practising a policy of making national political relations more untenable and more strained.

"We declare most solemnly that we do not accept the goal of the Czechoslovak State, nor do we content ourselves with the declaration of February 18, 1937" (by which the Government offered the Sudeten Germans certains certain privileges).

The Sudeten German Party in Czechoslovakia is composed of German National Socialists and bourgeois elements of other German parties. It advocates the establishment of a United German front and is opposed to Marxism. Its leader is Dr. Konrad Henlein, and its representation in Parliament consists of 23 members in the Upper Chamber and 44 in the Lower Chamber. The Sudeten German Party is second only to the Czechoslovak Agrarian Republican Party, the strongest political body in the country.—Reuter.

Soviets to Aid Czechs

Moscow, Mar. 16.

The Soviet will go to the aid of Czecholsovakia, if she is attacked, provided France does likewise, Reuter has been informed by an authortiative spokesman.

Asked how such aid could be carried out in the absence of a common frontier, the spokesman replied. "A corridor must be created."—Reuter.

Poland Will Bar Way

Warsaw, Mar. 16.

Any Russian Armies attempting to cross Poland to the aid of Czechoslovakia would be resisted with arms, well-informed spokesmen said to-day. The Polish Government would refuse any Soviet request to make of Poland a military road to Czechoslovakia, they said.—United Press.

German Press Comment

Berlin, Mar. 15.

Czechoslovakia was one of the first countries to recognize the legality of the recent events in Austria, the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" pointed out in an article to-day.

"However, it is to be regretted that the Czech leaders took this wise step only when Bohemia was placed between the solid pincers of the Reich," the paper added. "Germany cannot put up with Prague forming a link in the chain of treaties by which the policy of Litvinoff (Soviet Foreign Commissar) and the anti-German hatred of Barthou attempted to form an iron circle round Germanism in Central Europe."—Havas

SUBWAY IN LONDON BREAKS DOWN

250,000 Passengers Delayed in Morning Rush

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 15.

The biggest underground hold-up of recent years, and the third breakdown within five days, delayed 250,000 passengers during the morning rush hour near Charing Cross to-day.

The Morden-Edgeware and Bakerloo lines were involved when the power of the North Lambeth cable went to earth. Travellers were compelled to alight and to walk through the tunnels to the nearest stations where all road transport was overwhelmed.

Minor repairs were effected within three hours, but the full service was not restored until seven hours after the breakdown.—Reuter.

CHEFOO NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Japanese Land More Men to Patrol the City

Chefoo, Mar. 16.

Two hundred Japanese marines were landed here to-day from a cruiser which had just arrived from Tsingtao. The marines marched with the local Japanese garrison of 400 through the city towards the barracks.

Curfew has been enforced for the Chinese since Sunday, when a band of Chinese irregulars, estimated at 200 strong, made a surprise raid on Chefoo. The streets are cleared from sun-down. Japanese marines patrol the city during the night, while machine-gun emplacements have been established throughout the city.—Reuter.

FATHER JACQUINOT IN HONGKONG

Reports Success of Visit to Hankow

Hongkong, Mar. 15.

Returning here from Hankow where he was believed to have sought relief funds for the care of Chinese refugees in Shanghai, Father Jacquinot, prominent Shanghai relief worker and organizer of the Nantao refugee zone, said here to-day that he believed his mission had been a success.

"I am most satisfied with the trip," Father Jacquinot told the United Press. He said he would sail soon for Shanghai to report on the results of his visit to Hankow.—United Press.

RIGID CHINESE EXCHANGE PLAN CURBING TRADE

Commons Questions Due on Difficulties

LONDON SYMPATHETIC

Mixed Reception of New Notes in Tientsin

Tientsin, Mar. 15.

The new Federated Reserve Bank notes have been accorded a mixed reception in this city.

In the Native City and Special Areas the notes were widely circulated where they were accepted by shops without difficulty. Larger businesses were readily dealing in them while Government Tax Offices were also accepting the new notes. Exchange shops in the Concessions are dealing in the notes at par with the Yen.

The new currency issue is also being accepted by the Customs but the Post Office has not yet received orders in this respect from the Director-General of Posts.

Business in cotton is almost suspended, dealers maintaining that farmers in the interior refuse to take the new notes.

The notes are being refused by the foreign banks, in view of their uncertain exchange value.

The Chinese Government banks are not dealing in foreign exchange, while the other Chinese banks have been ordered by the authorities in Peiping to suspend business in foreign exchange.

Acting under orders from the Ministry of Finance, the Bank of China has informed holders of its notes that all bank notes issued at par by the bank and its branches will continue in circulation without any discrimination.—Reuter.

Commons Questions Expected

London, Mar. 15.

Far Eastern circles are anxiously awaiting further information regarding the "modus operandi" of the new Chinese Exchange Control, as business is already severely cramped.

It is generally recognized that China is forced to protect its reserves against operations of the Federated Reserve Bank of Peiping. On the other hand, the opinion is held that it cannot pay China, and must play directly into Japanese hands, to cripple Shanghai's banking and commercial business.

Some modifications in the scheme are deemed indispensable. The workability of the Control, it is generally emphasized, largely depends on the distribution of exchange being impartially administered.

A declaration by the Chinese Government, assuring foreign holders of silver debentures of their continued ability to draw interest in sterling, would be widely welcomed.

News of the imposition of exchange regulations by the Chinese Government, "The Times" stated in a leading article to-day, hardly comes as a surprise in the circumstances with which China is confronted.

At this stage, presumably, the measures are partly precautionary, the journal adds, although, in the case of the somewhat similar exchange control by Japan, imports have been increasingly restricted.

Questions on the subject will be put to the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-morrow by Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative member for Preston.—Reuter.

FORWARDING OFFICE FOR SHANGHAI

Petition Studied by Central Bank of China

The head office of the Central Bank is considering the question for the establishment of a forwarding office in Shanghai to handle foreign exchange operations, according to information received in Chinese circles here yesterday.

Following the centralization of sales of foreign exchange through the Central Bank of China at the seat of the Government, a petition has been sent to the Chinese authorities for the opening of a forwarding office in Shanghai.

Banknotes bearing the stamp of north China cities now under the Japanese occupation are being accepted by the Chinese banks as usual. Meanwhile the small exchange shops are reaping a profit on sales of small amounts of foreign currency notes.

BRITISH SOLDIER'S LEGAL RIGHTS

Court Martial Committee to Investigate System

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 16.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, announced in the House of Commons to-day that Mr. Roland Oliver, Barrister-at-law, will be Chairman of the Committee formed to inquire into the existing system of trial by Court Martial.

The Committee will consider also whether a person convicted by Court Martial should have the right of appeal to a civil judicial tribunal.

The members of the Committee are: Sir Tristam Beresford, barrister-at-law; Rt. Hon Sir Felix Cassel, barrister-at-law; Mr. John James Lawson, Labour M. P. for Chester-le-Street, Durham; Air Vice-Marshal Longcroft; and Sir Felix Ready, Judge Advocate General from 1916 to 1934.—Reuter.

POLISH-LITHUANIAN DISPUTE GROWS

Border Incidents Create Grave Situation

Kauna, Mar. 16.

Tension between Poland and Lithuania has been further complicated by reports of another frontier incident. Fifteen Polish soldiers are stated to-day to have crossed the frontier and kidnapped a Lithuanian policeman.

In the first incident Polish soldier was alleged to have been killed by Lithuanian guards.—Reuter.

Italian Libyan Troops Will Be Partly Recalled

Eastern Expert Attends at Anglo-Italian Talks

IL DUCE TO BROADCAST STATEMENT ON POLICY

Rome, Mar. 16.

An unspecified number of non-commissioned officers and men of the 1907, 1908 and 1909 classes, called to the colours in the autumn to reinforce the 20th and 21st Army Corps, will be re-patriated and demobilized, it is officially announced to-day. The two army corps were formed to strengthen the Italian garrison in Libya.

Conversations between Great Britain and Italy began in earnest last night when Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Foreign Minister, received Lord Perth, the British Ambassador in Rome, who was accompanied by Mr. G. W. Rendel, the new British Minister to Bulgaria and, until recently, head of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office.

The meeting lasted 1½ hours and it is learned that good progress was made. The atmosphere was stated to have been cordial. The next meeting will be held at 6.30 on Friday evening.

The fact that Lord Perth was accompanied by an expert on Eastern questions indicates the order in which Anglo-Italian problems are being discussed. Other experts will come to Rome from time to time when different questions are raised, and it is suggested that experts of the two countries may sit together to deal with the technical aspects of the various problems.

Il Duce To Speak

It is officially announced that Signor Mussolini will speak in the Chamber of Deputies at 4 o'clock (G.M.T.) this afternoon. The speech will be broadcast by all the Italian and several foreign wireless stations. It will be Il Duce's first public pronouncement since the Austro-German union last Friday.

Signor Mussolini, it is understood, will make clear Italy's position in the Austrian situation and it is thought that he may also have an important announcement to make on Italian policy in general.

Introducing the Naval Estimates in the Chamber of Deputies, Admiral Cavagnari, Under Secretary of Marine, stated that new warships, aggregating more than 260,000 tons, would be constructed in Italy during the current year. By 1941 when the present building programme was completed, Italy would have about 700,000 tons of warships, including 240,000 tons of capital ships.

No unit of the Italian Navy, he added, would then be older than twelve years.—Reuter.

HEALTH WARNING TO PUBLIC

Prevalence of Cerebrospinal Meningitis

In view of he prevalence of cerebrospinal meningitis in Shanghai, the following brief account of the disease and of certain elementary precautions regarding its prevention is circulated by the Public Health Department of the S.M.C. for general information.

The cause of the disease is a germ which gains entrance to the body through the lining of the throat and nose. Children and young adults are particularly susceptible. The early symptoms are fever, headache, vomiting and later pain and stiffness of the muscles of the back of the neck. Anyone developing such symptoms should retire to bed at once and call a doctor. The germ is spread by talking, coughing and sneezing. The disease is particulrly dangerous in that a certain percentage of the population may harbour the germ in the throat and nasal passages and, though suffering no inconvenience from its presence themselves, pass on to others a virulent and possibly fatal infection.

To minimise the risk of infection:—

1. Avoid crowds and proximity to persons suffering from coughs and colds; places where infection has already occurred should be visited only if absolutely necessary.
2. Attention should be paid to the ventilation of living and sleeping rooms; a hot dry atmosphere is just as dangerous as a cold and draughty one. Beds should be spaced as widely apart as possible.
3. Regular sleep and avoidance of undue fatigue are important considerations.

LOCAL SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

ss. Bangalore Next P. & O. Vessel to Leave

The ss. Bangalore, cargo steamer of the P. & O. Line, is due to sail for Marseilles, Casablanca, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam and Antwerp via Hongkong. Bombay and ports on March 22. the local offices of the P. & O. announce. The Glen Line ss. Glengarry arrives here on March 20 from London; the next Messageries Maritimes liner to arrive in port will be the Sphinx, which is due here on March 21, leaving again on March 23 for Kobe. The N.D.L. ss. Scharnhorst is expected to arrive here from Japan ports at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23. She will sail again for Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Belawan, Colombo, Port Said, Genoa, Southampton, Rotterdam and Bremen at 3 p.m. on the following Friday. Passengers will be conveyed on board on the tender Scot 1, which leaves the Customs Jetty at 1 p.m. sharp. The Barber Wilhelmsen Line announce that the ss. Taishan will leave Shanghai for New York and Boston via Los Angeles and the Panama Canal on March 22.

SHANGHAI CUSTOMS ISSUE DISCUSSED IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

Conversations on the Shanghai Customs issue were continued to-day between Sir Robert L. Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, and Mr. Kensuke Horinouchi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. Sir Robert remained at the Foreign Office for an hour.—Domei.

KUOMINTANG PARTY CONGRESS

Controversy Over Venue is Clearing Up

LIKELY TO BE CONVENED IN HANKOW

Hankow, Mar. 14.

After a good deal of discussion among high Government officials here, it has been decided to abandon the plan to hold the Third National Kuomintang Congress, convened for March 29 in Chungking. It will meet instead in Hankow.

There was considerable controversy about the venue of the Congress. Under the constitution of the Kuomintang Party, the national congress must be held at the seat of the national government. This would necessitate the holding of the congress in Chungking. But the journey to Chungking from Hankow would be extremely inconvenient for most of the delegates, especially as many of them hold important government and military posts which necessitate their presence in Hankow.

Although the delegates for the congress will assemble in Hankow, the actual sessions will be held across the river at Wuchang. Most of the Chinese Government and party officers are in Wuchang.

The importance of the congress lies in the fact that the discussions will probably centre upon the burning issue of the relationship between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist party.—Reuter.

MARKETS IN LONDON SHOW REACTIONS

British Giltedged Securities Lead Slight Decline

London, Mar. 15.

Fears that increased taxation may result from the statement of Mr Neville Chamberlain that the British Armament Programme is to be reviewed, exercised a depressing influence on the Stock Exchange this morning.

Under the lead of British giltedged securities prices in all sections were marked down appreciably, and little relief from the prevailing weakness was evident, except in the case of Paris favourite diamond and Kaffir issues which were meeting with Continental currency hedging.

Subsequently, gilt-edged securities steadied-up on institutional support which lent a better tone to the rest of the market. Austrian and German issues, however, were further marked down, while other Europeans ruled steady. International issues, after moving lower in sympathy with the rest of the market, also firmed up.

Among commodities, cotton ruled weaker early in the day, but then firmed up on speculative support. A more cheerful tone prevailed in the London Metal Exchange, where copper and tin advanced sharply on prospects of an even larger rearmament programme. However, a certain amount of profit-taking reduced the early gains.

Considerable nervousness continued to be apparent in the foreign exchange market to-day. Nervous franc offerings were accentuated by the Government's decision immediately to increase armament expenditure, and the spot rate fell from the overnight level of 162.87 to 166.75 before the authorities decided to intervene. However, the rate closed firmer at 162.75. On the other hand, the dollar was in considerable demand from the Continent, firming up from 498.62 to finish the day at 498-12.—Reuter.

WAR CAUSES DROP IN SALT REVENUE

Foreign Loan Obligations Fully Met

The Directors-General of the Chinese Salt Administration report that preliminary figures indicate that the total collections of salt revenue for the year 1937 amounted in round figures to $213,000,000. The decline of $5,000,000 in receipts, as compared with the record year of 1936, is due to the conditions created by the fighting in the latter part of the year, collections during the first six months of 1937 having actually exceeded those of the same period of 1936 by $14,700,000. The above total is exclusive of receipts made in the important five districts of Changlu, Chinpei, Sungkiang, Anhwei and Shantung after the Japanese military occupation, when the offices found it impossible to continue their functions. A few remote districts were further prevented from sending in their data in time, owing to temporary disruption of communications.

It is emphasized that if peaceful conditions had obtained throughout the year a revenue of at least $250,000,000 would have been collected.

All foreign loan obligations secured on the salt revenue were fully met, payments made during 1937 under this item for both amortization and interest amounting to £942,823-1-10 and U.S.$303,187.50.

JAPANESE PARTIES GIVE WAY

Mobilization Bill Passed in Lower House

Tokyo, Mar 16

After several days of acrimonious inter-party negotiations, the leaders of the Minseito and Seiyukai Parties finally decided, shortly after midnight, to approve the original National Mobilization Bill, following the Government's assurances that

1. The Commission mentioned in Article 50 of the Bill shall be composed of a majority of members of the Diet;
2. The Government shall define more exactly the latter part of Article 1 regarding defence in "time of war and quasi-war," and also the word "business" in Article 31.—Reuter.

House Passes Bill

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

The House of Representatives late to-night passed the National General Mobilization Bill without a single amendment.—Domei.

ITALIAN GOODWILL MISSION AMONG WAR RUINS

Members of the Italian goodwill mission to Japan, who arrived in Shanghai on Tuesday, photographed among the war ruins in Shanghai. They were escorted by Japanese army officers and are seen in Jukong Road, where heavy fighting took place.

New Mass Trials In Moscow Now Believed Near

Bogomoloff, China Ex-Envoy, May Face Charges

MILITARY LEADERS MAY BE ARRAIGNED

Moscow, Mar. 16.

The sentence of the Military Collegium of the Soviet Supreme Court was carried out yesterday when the convicts were shot. They were Bukharin, Rykov, Yagoda, Krestinsky, Rosengoltz, Ivanov, Chernov, Grinko, Zelensky, Ikramov, Khodjaev, Sharangovich, Zubarev, Bulanov, Levin, Kazakov, Maximov-Dikovsky and Kriuchkov.—Tass.

New Secret Trials Loom

Moscow, Mar. 15.

M. Dimitri Bogomolov, former Ambassador to China whose name was mentioned during the just concluded trial of "Rightists and Trotskyists," is still under arrest and may be brought up for trial shortly, reports a Havas correspondent.

It is probable that three new trials will follow that of the Rightist and Trotskyist Bloc, he states. The first would deal with eleven leftist Communists and social revolutionaries, among whom are M. Ossinski, Mme. Nikolaeva, M. Mantzev and several witnesses who figured in the trial just concluded.

The second trial would probably be secret, and would deal with military leaders, including Marshal Yegorov, General Alkris, former aviation commander, and Admiral Orlov, formerly head of the Baltic Fleet.

Finally, a group of statesmen and diplomats now in prison would probably be arraigned, including M. Rudzutak; M. Mejlaouk; M. Antipov, former Vice-Presidents of the Council of Peoples' Commissars; General Bubnov; M. Krylenko, former Attorney General; M. Dimitri Bogomolov, former Ambassador to China; M. Konstanton Yurenev, former Ambassador in Tokyo; M. Datvian; M. Karski, former Ambassador in Warsaw, and MM. Yakubovich, Stein, Asmub, Rosenberg, and Antonovscenko, all diplomats. The fate of Generals Bielov and Dybenko is not known.—Havas.

GERMAN TREASON TRIAL TO OPEN SOON

Berlin, Mar. 15.

Trial of twenty persons charged with treasonable acts against the state in the interest of Czechoslovakia will soon begin at the People's Court, it was learned here to-day. Most of the defendants are former functionaries of the German Social Democratic Party.—United Press.

CANTON ONCE AGAIN HEARS PLANES

Nanchang Raided Four Times in One Night

Canton, Mar. 16.

Taking advantage of the continued fine weather, Japanese aeroplanes again carried out a raid this morning in the neighbourhood of Canton. The thud of heavy bombs was clearly heard in Shameen, apparently from the direction of the airfields north-east of the city. No details on the raid are at present available.—Reuter.

Four In Nanking

Hankow, Mar. 16.

Nanchang was subjected to four night raids yesterday between 7.10 p.m. and 1.50 a.m., during which period twelve Japanese machines dropped more than sixty bombs, according to Chinese reports received here.

Scores of dwelling houses are said to have been demolished, and an unascertained number of persons killed and injured.

Three Japanese 'planes, the same reports declare, reconnoitred over a number of districts in east Kiangsi yesterday and dropped about twenty bombs on Chian. The majority of these missiles, however, are stated to have fallen on open spaces.

Hankow, Mar. 16.

Hankow was treated to another pyrotechnic display to-night when six Japanese bombers paid a further visit to the city and dropped about thirty bombs on the aerodrome.

As was the case yesterday, powerful searchlights picked out the raiders long before they arrived over Hankow and kept them in the beam until they were out of sight. Anti-aircraft batteries, however, did not go into action, in order to leave the sky open for Chinese pursuit 'planes to engage the visitors. Before their departure, the Japanese machines opened fire with machine-guns in the direction of the searchlights.—Reuter.

U.S. Far East Policy May Be Hardened

Washington, Mar. 15.

Reversal in American policy in the Orient is imminent, embracing a possible abandonment of plans to grant independence to the Philippines and the assumption of a stiffer attitude toward Japanese dominance in the Orient, observers believed here to-day.—United Press.

Commons Informed of R.A.F. Expansion Progress

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tinued. Orders for certain instruments in connection with blind flying had been placed temporarily in America. In this regard he mentioned the case of one particular instrument in which there being no pump of British manufacture available, an American type was approved and ordered.

While it would have been preferable to have a British type from the start had it been available, he declared, nevertheless, the fact that a foreign order had been placed indicated a determination to leave nothing undone to achieve efficiency as quickly as possible.

It had undoubtedly been right, both in this and other cases, to use foreign experience and to place orders abroad to bridge gaps until British production, which was always arranged, became available.

Better Fighting Equipment

In consequence of the obstacles encountered in turning guns by hand against the rush of air, owing to the greatly increased speed at which aircraft power was operated, revolving turrets enclosing both man and gun were being installed.

In this essential requirement, Lt.-Col. Muirhead continued, there was every reason to believe that Britain was better equipped than any foreign country.

The Under-Secretary for Air dwelt on the greatly increased speed of fighting planes since the War. This necessitated a new type of faster firing machine-gun.

Greater comfort in aircraft and heating arrangements was being closely studied.

In connection with the need for looking ahead to a possible air speed of 500 m.p.h., Lt.-Col. Muirhead mentioned that a new wind tunnel was being built at the Royal Aircraft establishment at Farnborough.

Recruits from Dominions

On the subject of personnel, he said that the Cranwell Programme for 1938 comprised nominated Dominions' candidates.

"The continued response of these entrants," he declared, "many of whom came here on their own initiative, has been most satisfactory and is indeed gratifying." (cheers)

Between April, 1935, and March, 1938, 4,500 pilots and 40,000 airmen and boys had entered the Royal Air Force. That meant an annual average of 1,500 pilots and 1,300 airmen compared with a typical pre-expansion year of 300 pilots and 600 airmen.

The 1938 programme for airmen, the Air Secretary revealed, stood at 17,000. In the forthcoming year, the age for boy entrants had been reduced from 15¾ years to 15.

He emphasized the need for more skilled men of all kinds. A very satisfactory adjunct in actual practice in the air was the link trainer.

By March 31, most aircraft centres would be equipped with one, and eventually at least one link trainer would be provided for every flying station at Home and overseas, including India, and for aircraft-carriers in the Fleet Air Arm.

Civil Aviation Progress

Dealing briefly with civil aviation, Lt.-Col. Muirhead reviewed recent extensions. He said that the total mileage regularly operated on the British Empire routes in 1937 totalled almost 80,000,000 miles. This was 12,000 miles above the mileage for 1936.

Regarding works abroad, he declared that progress had been made in the provision for accommodation in the Far East.

"May I express my gratitude," he added, "for the generous gift of $2,500,000 from the rulers of the Federated Malay States towards the cost of additional squadrons to be stationed in Malaya."—(cheers).—Reuter.

PERU NAMES MINISTER TO CHINA AND JAPAN

Lima, Mar. 15.

Sr. Ricardo Rivera Schreiber was to-day named Peruvian Minister to Japan and China.—United Press.

Japanese Still Fail In Yellow River Crossing

Desperate Battle Reported Near Hochu

CHINESE RETREATING ON TSINPU RAILWAY

Hankow, Mar. 16.

Despite desperate efforts, the Japanese troops in north-western Shansi have hitherto failed to gain a foothold on the west bank of the Yellow River, according to Chinese reports received here.

Under cover of a heavy artillery and aerial bombardment, 3,000 Japanese troops last Friday, these reports state, launched a fierce attack on the Chinese positions on the west bank of the waterway in Shensi opposite Hochu and, after bitter fighting, over 1,000 succeeded in crossing the river and occupying Matikou, in north-eastern Shensi. The Chinese, however, are said to have rallied later and to have driven the majority back across the waterway to Hochu.

While the Chinese are now reported to be completing preparations to round up the remaining Japanese soldiers on the west bank, a Chinese column in north-western Shansi, after occupying Kolan, is stated to be marching on Wuchai, thus threatening the rear of the Japanese forces at Hochu.

In South Shansi

At the same time, Chinese troops in South Shansi are said to be harassing the Japanese at Yuanchu, Wenhsien and Menghsien. These Japanese forces entered south-east Shansi from the Peiping-Hankow Railway along the Taotsing Railway.

One Chinese detachment is claimed to have already reached a point north of Yuanchu.

The Japanese forces on the Tungpu Railway, which connects Taiyuanfu, former capital of Shansi, with Tungkwan, the junction of the Tungpu and Lunghai railways, are stated to be withdrawing to new concentration points following the cutting of the Tungpu line at several points by Chinese troops. It is also reported that the Japanese troops who occupied Houma, south of Linfeng, are falling back towards Linfeng.

Chinese and Japanese troops are said to be engaged in severe fighting in the vicinity of Hotsin and Yumen, on the east bank of the Yellow River, in south-western Shansi. Both sides are stated to be suffering heavy casualties.

Tsinpu Battle

A desperate battle is taking place on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in Shantung province. The Japanese forces are advancing southward along the railway in three columns.

The centre column is said to have reached a point three kilometres south of Chaiho, between Tenghsien and Tsouhsien; another column has reached Lungshan and is attacking the Chinese right wing in the vicinity of Tsaochuan, east of the railway, while a third column is marching on Puyangshan.—Reuter.

Japanese Report

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

With the southward advances of Japanese troops in Shansi and Honan about to enter a second stage across the Yellow River, the forces in Shantung have started vigorous mopping-up drives against Chinese soldiers along the Tsinpu line in the southern part of the province, according to military reports received here to-day.

They are pressing hard after Chinese troops retreating toward Kiangsu Province. After almost annihilating 600 Chinese soldiers in the highland region west of Hsiachangpu in the morning of March 14, a detachment occupied Kieho, Tsinpu station in southern Shantung, at 5.30 o'clock on the same day.

Another detachment is driving Chinese troops out of Shantung into Kiangsu, at the present time being in close pursuit of them near Lake Nanyang, the dispatches stated.—Domei.

TORNADOES RAVAGE U.S. SOUTHERN STATES

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New York, Mar. 16.

Sixteen persons were killed to-day when tornadoes struck seven States, Belleville, Illinois, suffered the worst with seven persons dead, 50 injured and 400 homeless. The tornado from the south-west, leaving a 20-mile wake of destruction along the Missouri-Arkansas border. Hundreds of homes were demolished. Other tornadoes struck Alabama, Tenessee, Mississippi and Iowa.—Reuter.

Another Hand Grenade Thrown In Nanking Rd.

Police Mystified by New Incident

RESERVE UNIT SUMMONED TO THE SCENE

The Shanghai Municipal Police confessed yesterday that they were completely mystified by a bomb-throwing incident which occurred on Nanking Road, 100 yards east of Fokien Road, shortly after 1 p.m. A small type of hand grenade, believed as a result of subsequent investigations to have been of the "Ruby Queen cigarette tin" type, was hurled into the middle of the road. Here it exploded, fortunately causing no casualties, although the pavements were crowded at the time, and there was a fairly large stream of traffic, proceeding in both directions. A few seconds before the grenade was thrown, a car had passed the spot where it landed, but it could not be discovered yesterday who the occupants of the car were. While detectives from Louza Police Station hurried to the spot to conduct investigations, and question eye-witnesses of the incident, the Reserve Unit was summoned to the scene as a precautionary measure. Results of the enquiry were negative, and no arrests were made. "There may be no further developments with regard to this incident", stated a detective from Louza Station yesterday. "It is a complete mystery".

MASS EMIGRATION TO MANCHOUKUO PLANNED

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

Mass emigration of about 1,500,000 youths to Manchoukuo over a period of 20 years will be started in the fiscal year beginning April 1, according to plans of the Overseas Ministry announced to-day. This will require Y.5,570,000 during the first year.—Domei.

THE CINEMA

"CHARLIE CHAN AT MONTE CARLO"

Charlie Chan	Warner Oland
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Evelyn Grey	Virginia Field
Victor Karnoff	Sidney Blackmer
Jules Joubert	Harold Huber
Joan Karnoff	Kay Linaker
Gordon Chase	Robert Kent
Paul Savarin	Edward Raquello
Al Rogers	George Lynn
Taxi Driver	Louis Mercier

In about the best of the Charlie Chan series yet produced, "Charlie Chan at Monte Carlo," the current attraction at the Grand Theatre, is more than pleasing entertainment from start to finish. A triple murder; the theft of a million dollars' worth of bonds; the barking and roaring of the Prefect of Police; the suave facility with which Mr. Warner Oland digs up clues from nowhere, nonchalantly piecing together an air-tight case; the manner in which Mr. Key Luke, as Charlie Chan's son, finds himself continually in trouble, coupled with plenty of humourous touches that permeate this film, all assist in making an enjoyable and quite reasonable picture. Set in a glittering Monte Carlo background, the producers have not only taken the opportunity of introducing the usual round of Chinese "epigrams" but have also given this film a generous flavouring of the French language—a fact that appeared to appeal strongly to the greater part of a large audience. The honours in this picture undoubtedly go to Mr. Harold Huber as the pompous prefect of Police, who either talks or gesticulates in French or in English, with quite a delightful French accent, throughout. Mr. Oland is his customary excellent self, whilst Messrs. Blackmer and Raquello as a couple of world-wise financiers, at daggers drawn in their business and play, both turn in very fine performances.

Three good shorts complete a fine programme. "The Big Apple" will surely interest dance enthusiasts, who are afforded an opportunity of viewing the intricate steps of the rage that is now sweeping the United States, whilst "Laughing at Fate" is a series of "shots" of hair-raising and hazardous thrills that will interest even the most sophisticated.—A.B.C.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

MEMBERS of the Choral Society are reminded of this week's extra rehearsal for Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" to be held to-day at 5.30 p.m.

MR. R. H. Parker, President of the China Finance Corporation, presided at the annual meeting of that company held on March 14, and not Mr. R. H. Edwards.

INDO-China S.N. Co. Ltd. Annual General Meeting will be held at Hongkong, March 31. The Register of Members will be closed from March 24, to April 14 both days inclusive.

A BIG fire broke out in Changhsing city in North Chekiang on March 12, states a message to the "Standard." It was not brought under control for over two days. The cause of the fire remains unknown, says the report.

CHINESE laundries in Birmingham, Ala., on March 15 extended their boycott against Japanese goods by announcing that they would refuse to wash silk garments. They did not indicate whether exception would be made for garments of Chinese silk.

THE Senate on March 15 confirmed the appointment of Prof. Thurman Arnold, formerly of Yale University, Assistant Attorney General of United States. Prof. Arnold succeeded Mr. Robert Jackson who was recently made Solicitor-General.

MR. Kho Chi-hsin, well-known Chinese flier in Java, was recently killed in an air crash in that island, states a special message to the "Ta Wan Pao." Mr. Kho, it may be recalled, made a long distance flight from the Dutch East Indies to China last summer.

THE Pacification Commissioner for Shansi and Suiyuan, General Hsi-shan, has been appointed to concurrent post of Acting Chairman of the Shansi Provincial Government in succession to Mr. Chao Tai-wen, who has been granted sick leave, says a dispatch to the "Life Daily News."

THIS afternoon the members of the Danube Countries Women's Association will meet at 5 p.m. at the residence of Mrs. A. Renner, No. 229, Rue Cardinal Mercier. Mr. W. E. Souter has kindly consented to speak informally on the interesting subject of "Refugee Relief in Shanghai."

THE Musical and Dramatic Section of the British Women's Association wish to remind members and their friends of the Young People's Concert which takes place to-day at 5.15 p.m. The performers are all young people and the concert is well worth the price which is $1 for Adults and 50 cts. for children. Members of the Section will be admitted free on presentation of their membership card.

THE Health Report of the French Municipal Council for the week ending March 12, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were—Foreigners 7, and Chinese 429. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, Tuberculosis 2; Pneumonia 1 and Encephalitis Epidemic 1. Chinese, Cerebrospinal Meningitis 3; and Scarlatina 1.

IT is learned from the local Post Office (1) that acceptance of small packets for Peiping, Tientsin, and places along the Pei-Ning Railway has been resumed, but they must be posted at the Head Post Office; and (2) that the C.O.D. Refunding Window heretofore functioning at the Rue Massenet Sub-office has removed back to the Head Office where refunding of all kinds of C.O.D. charges will be effected.

ALL Irishmen in Shanghai are reminded that the annual wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph at 8.30 a.m. to-day, after which the President and Committee of St. Patrick's Society will proceed to Bubbling Well Cemetery to lay a wreath on the graves of the five soldiers of the Royal Ulster Rifles, killed during October last year. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance at both places.

THE Executive Yuan, at a regular meeting held on March 15 decided to send messages of commendation and cash rewards of $5,000 and $3,000 to Messrs. Ting Shu-mao and Fan Chung-hsien, the special administrative commissioners for Puyang district in Hopei and for the 6th section in Shantung, respectively, for their meritorious services in the resistance campaign, says a message to the "Life Daily News."

THE Szechuen Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters on March 15 sent telegrams to the Chairmen of the National Government and of the Military Affairs Commission, Mr. Lin Sen and General Chiang Kai-shek, respectively, asking them to order the newly-appointed Pacification Commissioner for Szechuen and Sikang, General Teng Hsi-hou, to assume his post, states a message to the "Hwa Mei Pao."

THE Ministry of Education has issued a nation-wide notification, warning teachers and students against dealing with the so-called Shanghai Office of National Universities and Colleges in Peiping and Tientsin, which was recently opened by the Great Way Government here, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wan Pao." Any teacher failing to comply with this injunction will never again be employed in a Government school, while a delinquent student will have his scholastic status quashed, says the warning.

THE German Ambassador, H. E. Dr. Oskar P. Trautmann has notified the Chinese Government in a Special Note of the unification of Germany and Austria on March 13 and that Austria now becomes part of the German Reich. A free and secret plebiscite will be held on April 10 on the question of this re-union. All affairs of the former Austrian Consulates in China will in future be handled by the German authorities, states the "Ostasiatischer Lloyd."

CAUSES OF CRIME ANALYZED

Mr. S. C. Young Speaks at Foreign Y.M.C.A.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BIG FACTOR

"Crime may be roughly defined as a war against society," said Mr. S. C. Young, Deputy Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, speaking before the Lecture and Forum audience at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening. In a straightforward and frank manner Mr. Young dealt with crime and its causes in another of the evening forums at the Y.M.C.A. Crime as a means of livelihood does not pay, and sooner or later the person who stoops to crime finds himself in the hands of the law and his freedom removed.

Dealing with the causes of crime, the speaker pointed out that many theories have been advanced, but of those most important in his experience Mr. Young placed heredity first, and while many people believe this to be the chief responsible cause, the facts in the case disprove it. There is no doubt, however, that heredity has its effect on mentality and on the physical well being of the individual, and, therefore, does play an important part in the creation of criminals and in the transmission of criminal tendencies in the offspring.

Environment was important as a second of the widely advanced causes for the creation of criminals. Undoubtedly the social conditions under which people live, particularly in congested areas of great cities and under unfavourable conditions, is an important factor in the creation of criminal tendencies. And linked with this a third reason of major importance emerges: namely economic problems.

Economic Conditions

While in the judgment of the speaker economic conditions in the respective nations have improved over those of say 100 years ago, and while apprentices in most nations no longer have to toil for almost no wage, yet in recent years unfavourable economic conditions have entered into the increase of crime in most countries.

The fourth and last reason with which Mr. Young dealt that contributes to the creation of criminals was the lack of machinery created by society to make possible the use and development of the talents developed by young people in schools and cultural institutions. There is compulsory education in most nations which teaches the pupil from the city slums to appreciate and to desire better conditions of life, yet society falls short in creating adequate machinery to satisfy these desires. The revolt of the criminal against society is often born in the first place of nothing more than a revolt against intolerable conditions.

It was pointed out that criminals do not come from one class of society, that a large percentage of poor are not criminals and many criminals are not poor. Crime is fairly evenly distributed, although the type of crimes in the different classes of society may not be the same. Economic and social conditions, Mr. Young definitely affirmed, in his judgment were the principal causes which lead persons to commit crime. Misfits in business and industry are born out of disturbed social and economic conditions, and many of these misfits are persons of intelligence and ability. They cannot find work or their tenure of work is uncertain, and the fact that they have little or no sense of security or hope in the future makes the path to crime an easy one.

Society's Responsibility

In answer to a question as to what the ordinary citizen could do to assist in crime prevention, Mr. Young expressed a belief that this responsibility rests with society as a whole, and the answer will be found in a reorganization of our social and economic system, whereby the four causes outlined as leading to crime will be reduced. If every youth who desires work can find occupation and at an adequate wage, it would be a great reducer of crime. If housing conditions could be improved whereby home life might become a reality, this again would greatly reduce crime. If the abundance which modern production can provide were made available for consumption by the community as a whole, there would be fewer men of intelligence and determination who, finding no other occupation, turn to crime for a living.

Throughout the address local incidents and problems relating to the handling of crime in Shanghai were referred to.

Following the address and questions, Mr. A. F. T. Holland expressed the appreciation of the audience for the most enlightening and instructive address given by Mr. Young.

The next address in the series at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will be on Tuesday evening, March 22, when Dr. Frederick Reiss will speak on the subject "Superstition and Disease."

Marlene Dietrich autographed the "card" presented by a New York waiter before she discovered the other side of it was a picture of the waiter's nude wife.

New Nanking Regime Not Established

The "Central China Government" was not inaugurated yesterday, according to information available in Chinese circles here. Some difference of opinion between the parties responsible for its creation was said to be the reason for another postponement. According to an earlier report, the new regime was to have been established in Nanking yesterday.

SALVATION ARMY'S APPEAL

The half-way goal in the Salvation Army's annual campaign for funds was passed yesterday, the total in hand at the end of the day standing at $15,080.70 and five pounds sterling, a fact greatly encouraging to Brigadier B. Morris and Major Colin K. Begley, who are directing the campaign. The Army's goal is $30,000, which is the sum needed for the activities of the organization for the coming year.

Donations should be sent to temporary headquarters at 53 Nanking Road. All donations will be acknowledged.

Encouraged by the prompt and generous response of local residents and firms, the Army will not endeavour to pass the $20,000 mark this week. Foreign employees of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday contributed $245. The largest single donation was $200 and came from Mr. H. E. Morriss. Two donations of $150 each and five of $100 were received.

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CHINESE CEASE WORK IN JAPANESE MINES

Singapore, Mar. 16.

The whole labour force of 3,000 Chinese coolies, employed at the Japanese-owned Dungun iron mines in Trengganu, Northern Malaya, have ceased work. The coolies declare they would be traitors to China if they continued to work ore destined for Japan's munitions factories.

Most of the coolies are coming to Singapore where large parties of Chinese meet them at the docks, give them crates of canned food, and arrange for their accommodation.—Reuter.

Correspondents Protest Against "Bribe" Reports

Spokesman Questioned at Press Conference

REUTER'S SAY REPORTS ARE "ABSURD"

Pointed questions were asked by foreign newspaper correspondents at yesterday morning's press conference with regard to the report, published in yesterday's issue of the "North-China Daily News", alleging that foreign correspondents have been paid subsidies by the Chinese Government. The report in question, it will be recalled, was in the form of a Reuter message from Tokyo. "This report", declared one of the correspondents, "puts other foreign correspondents under suspicion of having received bribes. Would it be possible for the spokesman to name the correspondents who are alleged to have received bribes?"

The correspondent went on to say that the allegation was a smear on all foreign correspondents in China. The spokesman replied that the report specifically mentioned one agency as having received 10,000 yuan of the 40,580 earmarked as a "monthly encouragement for the newspaper industry." The message reporting the alleged bribery of foreign correspondents mentions Reuter's as being "earmarked" for 10,000 yuan. The correspondent said that this still left over 30,000 yuan to be accounted for, and this put every foreign correspondent under suspicion of having received part of that sum.

"This report", continued the correspondent, "has probably been flashed all over the world, and it casts a serious slur upon foreign correspondents in China".

"The documents upon which the allegation is based", replied the spokesman, "are available, and steps will be taken to have them brought here, and presented to you for your inspection".

Chinese Budget Produced

At the Japanese press conference yesterday evening, when the question was raised again, budget estimates of the Kuomintang dated 1936 seized by the Japanese at General Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters at the Nanking Military Academy, were produced and it was revealed that large sums of money had been set aside for newspaper and journalistic enterprises in China and abroad. One item of $10,000 monthly was mentioned in regard to Reuters and $43,000 for the Central News Agency and various sums for Chinese newspapers. No mention was made of any foreign correspondents.

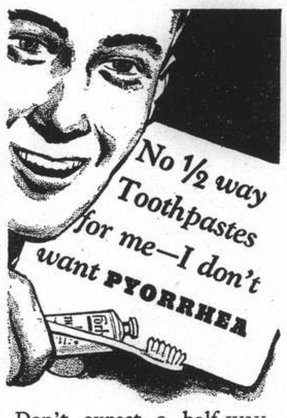
Questioned with regard to the allegation that Reuter's has been receiving bribes from the Chinese Government, Mr. C. J. Chancellor, local manager for Reuter's, described the report as "absurd".

Exchange Agreement

It is a well-established fact that Reuter had a news exchange agreement with the Central News Agency, under which Reuter supplied news to this agency for translation into Chinese and distribution to Chinese newspapers in Shanghai and elsewhere in China.

This was a private business contract between Reuter and the Central News Agency, and was on exactly the same basis as a similar contract between Reuter and Domei, the semi-official news agency of Japan.

Conceivably the documents alleged to have been discovered in Nanking bear some relation to the well-known contract between Reuter and the Central New Agency.



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Aviator to Be Questioned by Japanese

Under a guard of Japanese gendarmes, a Russian aviator named Michail Dovnin, 31, who was captured by Japanese soldiers on Monday when he "bailed out" of a Soviet SB bomber near Wuhu, was to arrive in Shanghai yesterday where he will be subjected to a strict examination, according to local Japanese newspapers.

The bombing plane, manned by the Russian and two companions, one a Chinese and the other a foreigner, was disabled in a combat with Japanese pursuit craft as it was attempting to attack Japanese positions near Wuhu. The other foreigner in the plane was killed when it crashed.

Questioned at Wuhu, the Russian flier, who is the first to be taken prisoner since the start of the hostilities, said he had been employed at the Nanchang aerodrome as a mechanic at a salary of $350 a month, paid by the Chinese Government.

GIRL DRUG ADDICT DEPORTED

Young Korean Sent Home by Japanese Authorities

Continuing their vigorous campaign against narcotic smugglers and addicts, Japanese authorities yesterday deported to Korea a 23-year old Korean girl drug addict.

The girl, Miss Eiko Kin, 23, was put on board the ss. Nagasaki Maru by Japanese Consular Police to take the heroin cure in her native land. The girl came to China in 1932, visited Shanghai for a time then went to Hankow, where she had a love affair with a French sailor.

Returning to Shanghai in March of last year, the girl and her sweetheart made their home in the French Concession. However, little by little heroin intruded its ugly shape in their love nest and gnawed away the girl's health as well as her romance.

A week ago the Japanese authorities deported one Shinoda Ishizaki, 32, Japanese ex-policeman who also was a heroin user.

FUNERALS

Mrs. H. T. Mousley

The funeral was held at the Bubbling Well Cemetery yesterday afternoon of the late Mrs. Helen Thompson Mousley, wife of Mr. Harry Mousley. There was a large attendance of mourners. Mr. Mousley, was the chief mourner. The services were conducted by the Dean A. C. S. Trivett of the Cathedral. The casket was borne to the grave by Messrs. S. F. Flemons, J. Rogers, P. M. Streit, C. E. Longhurst, F. W. Pilbeam, and T. A. Cooper. A beautiful floral tribute from "Harry" was lowered into the grave with the casket. Although there was a request that, instead of flowers, contributions be sent to the St. George's Society, wreaths were received from the following, among others:

John and Dollie Cuthbert, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pilbeam, Eva and Connie, Shanghai Telephone Co., The Argent family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dodd and family, Tom, Milton and Phil, Beryl and Ann, Lil and Jim, Alma and Fred, Cecil, Pat and Patsy, Frances and Gordon, Boy, etc.

The funeral arrangements were in the care of Messrs. Thomas MacDonald & Co.

Mrs. Emilia Reyes

In the presence of many friends a Requiem Mass was celebrated yesterday morning at the Church of Christ the King by the Rev. Father F. MacDonald, for the late Mrs. Emilia Reyes. Mrs. Reyes died at the Shanghai General Hospital last Sunday following a short illness. The deceased is survived by her mother, residing in Manila. Interment took place in the afternoon at the Hungjao Cemetery, where Father MacDonald again officiated. The coffin was carried to the grave by Messrs. A. d'Almeida, Joseph Mendoza, James Mendoza, J. Cruz, P. de Vera and C. de Vera. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the International Funeral Directors.

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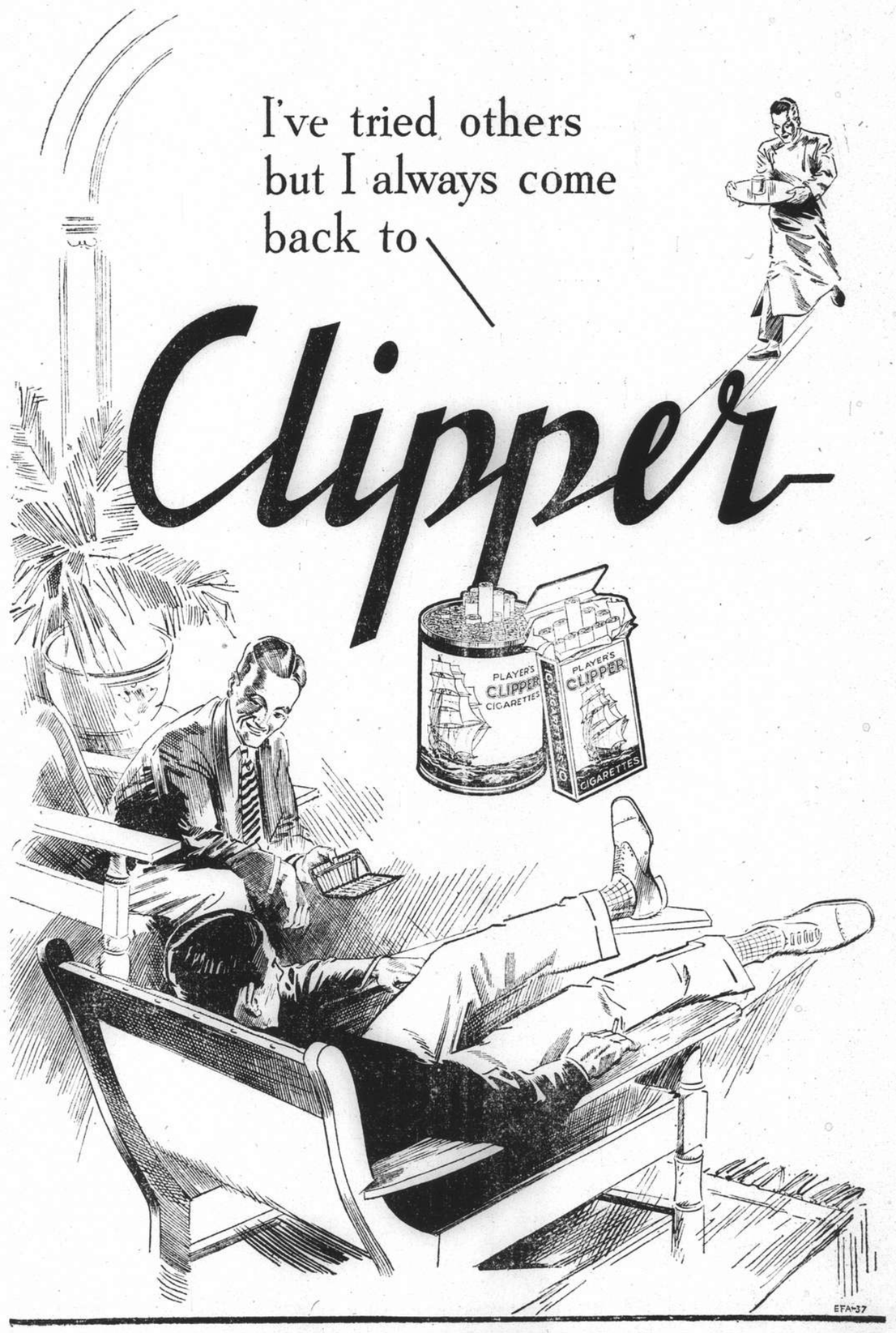

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COMMITTEE AGREES TO LATER DATE

Decision Made by Int'l Body at Cairo Meeting

GREAT SATISFACTION IS EXPRESSED AT TOKYO

Cairo, Mar. 16.

The International Olympic Committee has decided to hold the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1940. The Committee has agreed to the later date suggested by Japan because of the extreme heat at the end of August and has decided to hold the Games from September 21 to October 6.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

The decision reached by the International Olympic Committee at its meeting to-day at Cairo whereby Japan's right to hold the 1940 Olympic Games was confirmed, evoked widespread satisfaction here.

Expressing sincere gratification at the decision, Mr. Takashi Goh, Chairman of the Contest Committee of the Olympic Organizing Committee, said that the choice of the latter part of September for the date of the Olympics was quite proper from the view-point of sports.

However, added Mr. Goh, he was sorry for Great Britain and America, who preferred August for the sake of their students.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

Olympic officials, Tokyo "City Fathers", hotel owners and merchants to-day expressed intense satisfaction with the International Olympic Committee's confirmation of the award of the 1940 Games to Tokyo.—Domei.

DRAWING OUT OF THE DAVIS CUP

Reaching into the famous cup is Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, making the draw for pairings in international tennis play. This brief ceremony was held recently at Washington D. C. and those in the group are from left to right: Mr. Yakichiro Suma, Counsellor for the Japanese Embassy and former Japanese First Secretary at Shanghai, Mr. Russell Kingman, Treasurer of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. J. Wear of Philadelphia, First Vice President of the U.S.L.T.A. Mr. Hull, and Mr. Holcombe Ward, President of the U.S.L.T.A.

GOOD ENTRIES FOR RACES SATURDAY

Heavy Fog Envelops Early Morning Training

Entries for the March Inter-Club Race Meeting to be held on the Shanghai track on Saturday next closed with satisfactory results. The smallest entry for any one of the eleven flat races on the card was ten, with the biggest 29. A glance at the names of ponies entered in the different events is sufficient to show that making selections of the afternoon's winners will be no easy task. But at the same time, there is every promise that some really good and interesting racing may be expected in most of the events to be run off during the afternoon.

Training Notes

Many owners and others interested in our local sport of racing, made their way through the heavy fog yesterday morning to be at the Shanghai track at daylight, to witness the training work of the ponies likely to be starting on Saturday. But the majority must have been disappointed, for the fog lay right over the track until well after 7 a.m., making it almost impossible to see the ponies at work, or to time their gallops unless starting from the 1¼ mile.

However, during the morning I was able to follow some of the gallops, getting times done by a few of the ponies that may be considered as likely winners on Saturday.

One of the best, if not the best I saw done during the morning, was the mile of Merry Jester (CE) who with Merry Hero (boy) did his distance in 2.14.1, last quarter 31. On this performance, Merry Jester should be a winner on Saturday, whether he starts in the mile, taking on Frostylight 6 lb. up, Night Express, and others, or goes in the 1½ mile where he would have to meet Gold Vase, Mou Tan Hua, and Duke of Kent.

Magic Eve Looks Well

H. Maitland gave Magic Eve a steady gallop when doing the mile in 2.16. Phantom, ridden by Keep, did his mile in 2.18, whilst Woodbridge, who was anxious to get on with it, was steadied down by Clark, who was on his back, so as to take 2.20 for his mile.

Duke of Kent, with T. L. Wong up, went one mile in company, doing it in 2.15.2, last quarter 32.2, and whilst he shot away from his companion in the last furlong, I was not particularly impressed with his style at the finish.

Blue Peter in the hands of A. Noodt finished up his gallop in good style.

PHILIPPINE COMPANY RIFLE SHOOT

The first Company Shoot since the outbreak of local hostilities was held at the Rifle Range on Monday, at 7 a.m.

Pte. J. K. Bugay, with a net score of 69 points and an allowance of 23.75 points, won the competition in easy style, while Pl.-Sgt. V. O. Cobarrubias was high gun, and second place with a net score of 84 points. Pte. C. J. Souza came third with a total score of 83.25. H. P. S. 95 points.

	Net	Allowance	Total	
Pte. J. K. Bugay	69	23.75	92.75	(a)
Pl. Sgt. V. O. Cobarrubias	84	—	84.00	(b)
Pte. C. J. Souza	69	14.25	83.25	(c)
Pte. P. Estanislao	78	—	78.00	
Pte. B. Legaspi	77	—	77.00	
Capt. H. Evangelista	76	—	76.00	
Sgt. F. Samper	74	—	74.00	
Pte. G. Orden	74	—	74.00	
Pte. S. Lakan-Ilaw	74	—	74.00	
Pte. R. T'agle	71	9.50	80.50	
Pte. J. Samonte	68	14.25	82.25	
Pte. A. Estanislao	67	9.50	76.50	
Pte. G. B. Mendoza	66	9.50	75.50	
Cpl. P. Espino	64	9.50	73.50	
Pte. A. W. Sostoa	62	14.25	76.25	
Pte. J. Mendoza	60	—	60.00	
Cpl. S. de Leon	58	—	58.00	
Lieut. G. E. Luchangco	58	—	58.00	
Pte. J. Canlas	55	—	55.00	
Pte. G. de la Pena	54	23.75	77.75	
Pte. B. Breva	48	9.50	57.50	
Pte. T. W. Lacson	42	23.75	65.75	
Pte. P. C. Mercado	41	23.75	64.75	
Pte. E. Cruz	40	23.75	63.75	
Pte. L. Digmanese	29	23.75	52.75	
Pte. P. de Vera	19	23.75	42.75	
Pte. J. S. Fabian	17	23.75	40.75	
Pte. T. Antonio	17	23.75	40.75	

(a) Leg on Cup and Spoon, future allowance 15 per cent.
(b) Spoon
(c) Spoon, future allowance 10 per cent.

LEADERS CLING TO TOP POSITION

Mixed Doubles Ten Pins Play Continues

No change was seen in the second round contest of the Shanghai Mixed Doubles Ten-Pin Championship which took place in the alleys of the Columbia Country Club last night. Mrs. Geibel and Cpl. Butler are still on top of a field of fourteen contending pairs, with an aggregate of 2,127. The leaders, however, are closely followed by Mrs. Malleck and D. R. Ross whose total read 2,087.

Sgt. Higginson piled up the highest single and triple scores. He tallied 216 in his first game to make a total of 606. The performance of Mrs. Geibel was also praiseworthy for she bowled a three-game score of 544 which was only five pins behind her partner. Mrs. Malleck chalked up the best single among the women contenders, gaining 202 in her third string.

The final round will be played next Wednesday night at the Shanghai Race Club. A close finish is expected in view of the respective positions of the leaders.

Mrs. Geibel	182	176	186	544
Butler	166	204	179	549
	348	380	365	1,093
Total, plus 1st round (490 and 544)				2,127
Mrs. Malleck	160	138	202	500
Ross	166	201	211	578
	326	339	412	1,097
Total, plus 1st round (476 and 533)				2,087
Mrs. McDonnell	160	179	149	488
Hilden	194	189	181	564
	354	368	330	1,052
Total, plus 1st round (496 and 445)				1,993
Mrs. Rosse	143	196	160	499
Moseler	157	161	166	484
	300	357	326	9[illegible]
Total, plus 1st round (440 and 535)				1,958
Mrs. Hale	170	160	150	480
Hale	188	138	168	494
	358	298	318	974
Total, plus 1st round (458 and 450)				1,8[illegible]
Mrs. McIntyre	171	140	154	465
Gonsalves	137	181	193	506
	303	321	347	971
Total, plus 1st round (405 and 483)				1,859
Mrs. Horton	181	167	119	467
Quinn	157	166	189	512
	338	333	308	979
Total, plus 1st round (416 and 447)				1,842
Mrs. M. Kwok	123	136	134	393
Higginson	216	189	201	606
	339	325	335	99[illegible]
Total, plus 1st round (467 and 469)				1,835
Mrs. Dalton	126	170	109	405
Winecoff	165	163	153	481
	291	333	262	886
Total, plus 1st round (409 and 495)				1,790
Miss Ball	165	117	107	389
Cushman	181	180	129	490
	346	297	236	879
Total, plus 1st round (382 and 512)				1,773
Mrs. Bristow	117	128	150	395
Ramsey	136	173	190	499
	253	301	340	894
Total, plus 1st round (383 and 480)				1,757
Mrs. Hand	89	143	157	389
Hand	175	153	176	504
	264	296	333	893
Total, plus 1st round (355 and 436)				1,684
Mrs. Laidlaw	140	125	147	412
Laidlaw	167	157	155	479
	307	282	302	891
Total, plus 1st round (411 and 378)				1,620
Miss McDonald	94	82	129	305
Anderson	164	156	159	499
	258	238	288	784
Total, plus 1st round (276 and 477)				1,537

LOYALS MEET GERMANS TO-DAY AT HOCKEY

In a farewell hockey match to-day, the 1st team of the German Hockey Club will meet the Loyals "A" at the Race Course beginning at noon. The Loyals, Shanghai champions for two seasons, are expected to leave the city towards the end of this month. In view of the fact that they have not lost to a civilian team all season, they should win to-day's friendly, although the Germans are always a hard fighting team.

THE CANIDROME RESULTS

1.—440 yd. flat.—1, Patricia; 2, Simple Simon.
Also ran:—Vita Spermin, Dia-Echo, Chop Suey, Comalong.
2 lengths.—Time, 27.36.
Win, $22.90. Forecast (No. 2-4) Div. $105.90.

2.—440 yd. flat.—1, Border Queen; 2, Mad Plume.
Also ran:—Mai Lee, Red Terror, Modern Wave, Jacko.
5 lengths.—Time, 26.90.
Win, $14.80. Forecast (No. 2-5) Div. $75.30.

3.—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearl's Pet; 2, Bebben.
Also ran:—Go By, Diane, Victory II, Marietta.
3 lengths.—Time, 30.44.
Win, $12.60. Forecast (No. 3-1) Div. $44.

4.—500 yd. flat.—1. Corinthian; 2, Fulover.
Also ran:—Pearl's Glory, Dainty Maid, Big Shot, Donnybrook.
3½ lengths.—Time, 30.61.
Win, $18.10. Forecast (No. 3-1) Div. $54.20.

5.—500 yd. flat.—1. Our Hope; 2, Flyco.
Also ran:—Royal China, Winsome Maid, Pierce Arrow, Erin Beau.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.66.
Win, $41.90. Forecast (No. 3-6) Div. $252.70.

6.—500 Yd. flat.—1, Simple Jackie; 2, Marble King.
Also ran:—Pythias, Snaresbrook, Future Pal, Baroness.
3 lengths.—Time. 30.33.
Win, $50.20. Forecast (No. 1-2) Div. $338.20.

7.—500 yd. flat.—1, Little Marquis; 2, Assurance.
Also ran:—Bouzou, Terence, Sibelle, Shimmie Crumple.
A neck.—Time, 30.37.
Win, $44. Forecast (No. 5-2) Div. $172.10.

8.—500 yd. flat.—1, Glenapp; 2, Woosung.
Also ran:—Paul's Fancy, Lucky Polly, Portia, Sheng Hu.
7 lengths.—Time, 29.86.
Win, $17.80. Forecast (No. 6-2) Div. $114.60.

9.—525 yd. flat.—1, Flintship; 2, Deflation.
Also ran:—Myrtle, Mais, Actor, Gigolo.
Short head.—Time, 31.37.
Win, $12.80. Forecast (No. 1-2) Div. $45.50.

10.—525 yd. flat.—1, Careless Auntie; 2, Blue Troy.
Also ran:—Theydon Bois, Home Again, Warrenfield, Sweetrock.
½ length.—Time, 31.63.
Win, $45. Forecast (No. 2-5) Div. $303.90.

11.—525 yd. flat.—1, Lone Plume; 2, Viscountess.
Also ran:—Sweet Moon, Maid of Morven, Shady Rue, Shanghai Shroff.
4½ lengths.—Time, 31.29.
Win, $11. Forecast (No. 1-6) Div. $88.10.

12.—525 yd. flat.—1, Aggie; 2. Mercedes.
Also ran:—Careless Cissie, Black Opal, D'Artagnan, Judy.
4 lengths.—Time, 31.45.
Win, $13. Forecast (No. 3-5) Div. $99.10.

RUSSIAN REGT. MOW DOWN THE FOE

Too Much Dynamite for the Navy "Y" Volleyballers

The Russian Regiment showed futher prowess in the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Invitation Volleyball League as they completed their first round activity last night with a fourth consecutive victory at the expense of the Navy Y.M.C.A. by two straight games with identical scores of 15-6.

Through the two frames the Regiment players had too much dynamite for the Navy team. Chernoff, number one man on the winning team again proved the spearhead of attack as he pounded killing shots over the net. The rest of the team, however, were also in fine pitch and gave valuable assistance. Volcoff and Abranoff were especially useful as they took over Chernoff's task in the offensive when the latter was kept in the rear as a result of the rotation system.

The Navy "Y" had two fine players in Mei and Cheng. These two Chinese stars staged a gallant fight which proved of no avail. The other four men were hardly in the picture, being kept too busy in making futile efforts to save themselves from a crushing defeat.

RUSSIAN REGIMENT: — Chernoff, Diakness, Abronoff, Shestakoff, Volcoff, and Makedonsky.
NAVY Y.M.C.A.:—Mei, Tsang, Chang, Yang, Hathaway, and Zung.

In another encounter which belonged to the Second Division, Hazelwood, after dropping the first game by 13-15, came back to win the next two games and vanquish Sun Sing by scores of 15-10 and 15-9. The first frame was an extremely close tussle. The lead see-sawed on no less than five occasions. The Chinese appeared to be stronger towards the close. The "ice cream" team were very much excited and made several costly mistakes in crucial moments, thus conceding the last two points which enabled them to lose.

Gangster broke down after finishing fourth in the Weir Selling Handicap Hurdle at Hurst Park and was destroyed.

HANDS OF SHELAEFF IN BAD SHAPE

Russian Boxer Comes Out of Manila Seclusion

Manila, Mar. 15.

Andre Shelaeff, former welterweight champion of the Orient, came out of seclusion after his recent defeat here by Kid Vicente with his hands tightly bandaged and his face grim to meet a chilly reception from boxing Manila.

The early tempest of conversation which followed Shelaeff's walk-out in his title bout with Kid Vicente two weeks ago has subsided to a great extent, but the Russian has lost scores of friends.

The former champion is still offering no excuses for his inexplicable behaviour, but physicians have certified that his hands are in bad shape, swollen and bruised and in dire need of rest.

Rumour Denied

Rumours that a rupture in relations had occurred between Shelaeff and his manager, Heinrich Seelig, were emphatically refuted, although it is open knowledge that Seelig, beside himself with rage when Shelaeff walked out on Vicente, slapped the Harbin Wonder Boy and launched into a tirade of abuse which Shelaeff took with head hanging and tears falling.

Local critics are still at a loss to offer a suitable explanation for Shelaeff's breach of championship tradition. They point to easy victories scored over Vicente by both Clever Henry and Young Alde, in which Henry floored the Cebu Caveman five times and Alde floored him twice.

Considering the short work Shelaeff made of Henry and his impressive victory over Alde local experts are totally in a fog for an answer to the question of why Shelaeff did not knock out Vicente within one or two rounds. Certainly they feel that Vicente will lose his newly-acquired title to the first man of any ability he meets, and feel that there will be no little difficulty in getting the Cebu Caveman into the ring for a defence of his belt.

Rematch Expected

Only last week both Seelig and Alde stated they "would hate to be in Vicente's shoes if he ever meets Shelaeff again", and that neither of them had ever seen Shelaeff "so mad and so desperate."

The general feeling here is that the Russian will be rematched with his conqueror, although news of the injuries to his hands may slow up action in this direction.—United Press.

Mr. C. Jarvis' Galsonia, a fancied Lincolnshire candidate, has been sent to Mablethorpe to be trained by J. Russell.

H. ARMSTRONG FAILS TO WIN BY K.O.

Feather Champion Merely Gains Decision

Los Angeles, Mar. 15.

Jeers mingled with cheers as Henry Armstrong, world featherweight champion, failed to score a knockout for the first time in a year and only narrowly gained a decision over Baby Arizmendi, former Mexican titleholder, in ten fast and furious rounds to-night.

Although the negro evened accounts with the Mexican who is the only fighter who has beaten him twice, he lost much esteem with sports scribes, many of whom have been boosting him as the leading lightweight to-day.

Forced To Work

"Homicidal Henry" was forced to go all out to win. He took five rounds, lost three while two were even.—United Press.

TIENTSIN PLAYERS NOT WANTED

The Sports Editor,
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

Sir,—Regarding the article by your correspondent "Scrutator", I am of the opinion that Shanghai does not require the services of any Tientsin players, even though they are ex-Shanghai, to assist them to give the Islington Corinthians a good game.

Have not Shanghai footballers been expressing the opinion that local soccer is ahead of the Colony?

The defence suggested by "Scrutator" obviously based on his having carefully watched the players in action is undoubtly the best that could be put forward. Boissezon is the best goal-keeper in Shanghai, and with all respect to Collet, Curtiss is a more polished player and his experience in homeside football will be a good asset, and once he has struck an understanding with Marcel, they should be difficult to beat.

So far as the half back line is concerned—why not put in the full Durham line. The reason for this is that unless the wing half backs can play the type of game that will permit Thomasson who obviously must be the centre half to play the third back role—much of the effectiveness of the pivot will be lost—as gaps will exist in the defence which the visitors will not be slow to take advantage of—hence the suggestion that the Durham half back line should be chosen.

My forward line would be Foyn and Cope on the regal with Fulton and Ward on the left with Robinson as centre forward.

Yours Truly,
INTERESTED.

March 16, 1938.

Corinthians Beat Y.C.E. Club

Manila, Mar. 16.

In a soccer game played here to-day between the Islington Corinthians and the Y.C.E. Athletic Club, the visitors won by two goals to nil.—Reuter.

SPORTS MISSION SAILS FOR EUROPE

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

A group of twelve Japanese fencing and jiujitsu experts left Tokyo this morning for Europe, where they will give exhibitions in Berlin, Rome and other cities in Germany and Italy.—Domei.

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DOCK COMPANY'S MEETING

Dividend Declared on Year's Working Despite Hostilities: Property Damaged

THE Annual General meeting of the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., was held on March 15 at 4 p.m. Mr. W. S. Burns presided, supported by Messrs. J. H. Keswick, L. J. Davies, D. Morison and Dr. A. Korff, directors and D. R. Glass, Secretary. The chairman in his speech said:—

The outstanding feature of the past year has been the lamentable results of the undeclared war in our midst; Mr. Arnhold in his Dockyards speech effectively states what Shanghai Dockyards Ltd. has suffered both in earning power and property damage and in many other ways; fortunately the damage to our Old Dock and Cosmopolitan Dock properties has not been so very serious though our prospects of selling or renting them have been seriously delayed pending improvement in local conditions.

At present we have tentative enquiries for both properties, the Old Dock property with its road frontage of about 360 feet on Broadway, 450 feet on Keecheong Road and deep water river frontage is a most attractive investment and one of the few valuable sites available near the centre of the Settlement, the title deed area covers about 20 Mow and the ground value is assessed by the Shanghai Municipal Council at about $81,000 per Mow.

Our Cosmopolitan property on the Pootung side of the river is ideal and unequalled for deep water wharves and godowns or large factories, the area is about 200 Mow (33 acres) with deep water river frontage of about 2400 feet, the ground surface has been raised and levelled to about 8 feet above high water level and 1,000 feet of this frontage is faced and bunded with heavy stone work.

Turning to our Balance Sheet—Profit and Loss Account—This practically covers the cost of running the Company for the past year.

Assets

Land is unchanged and covers the Old Dock & Cosmopolitan Dock properties. Plant and Machinery sales during the year realized more than the written down value so the surplus has been credited back to depreciation reserve.

Debtors have been reduced from $236,905 to $30,890. Part of our Investments were sold during the year and realized $37,270.00—a loss of $769.00 on the sale, being written off.

Cash in Hand	$307,469	
and Dockyards 4 per cent. Dividend from their 1937 working account now received ..	200,000	
		$507,469
Less amount required for Dividend at $7 per share	386,400	
Less Provident Fund & Creditors	62,775	
		449,175
		58,294
Investments amount to		38,449
Total		$96,743

and this amount with sundry income from interest and further sale of scrap etc. should be sufficient for several years' expenses.

Liabilities

The Special Reserve will be reduced by $202,000 required for the proposed Dividend.

The Depreciation Reserve stands at an ample figure.

The Realization Account has been adjusted by $51,522 upon the discovery of sundry duplications in stock and plant handed over at the time of the merger.

Local Creditors have been reduced from $11,452.—to $6,548.

Future dividends will depend on the amount we receive from Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., plus the liquidation of sundry debts and returns from the sale or lease of our properties. When it is possible to sell these properties a substantial sum will be available for distribution to our shareholders but, in the meantime, as I have just said, we can only rely on dividends from Shanghai Dockyards, Ltd.

The amalgamation expenses as mentioned last year have all been taken from Capital Reserve of Shanghai Dockyards Ltd., and do not include any special remuneration to the Directors. I may mention that a shareholder submitted a resolution for this meeting which later was withdrawn, "That this Company's nominees on the Board of the Shanghai Dockyards be authorized to vote an amount from the Contingency Reserve of that Company as a special remuneration to the Directors who were first appointed to the Board of the Shanghai Dockyards Ltd. in recognition of the special services rendered by them in connection with and for the amalgamation."

Whilst taking an impartial view, the considerable extra work for the amalgamation might be justly considered as being beyond the scope of ordinary Directors' activity and justifying a special compensation, the Directors however, feel that the matter of any special compensation, should at present be left in abeyance.

I feel we should record our hearty appreciation of the successful efforts of the management and foreign staff of the dockyards early last September getting workmen together and recommencing activities under difficulties and dangers impossible to over estimate—it was a great help to us and an incentive to other Companies and I may mention that the feeling in Great Britain on hearing of it was one of admiration.

Congratulates Board

Mr. Soyka—I wish to congratulate the Board upon its refusal to accept the honourarium of $40,000 as was suggested in a Resolution which was proposed and later withdrawn by Mr. A. L. Anderson and seconded by Mr. W. Thomson, who hold respectively 150 and 52 shares interest. There is no doubt that had you agreed to receive these sums similar action would have been taken by interested parties to remunerate the Directors of our sister Company. Your public-spirited gesture will go far to discourage a dangerous precedent in Shanghai where from time to time large sums have been voted to directors whose services to their companies have by no means always resulted to their advantage but often to their ruin.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman, I wish to record my appreciation of the excellent work our Board has performed during the past several years and the very sound condition of our company finances.—I thank you.

Mr. W. Thomson—My name being attached to the resolution I must say here that I really think that the directors of our company merited that for their years of extra work in effecting this amalgamation of the two companies; also during that time so well guarding the interests of the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Company's shareholders.

Some years ago when this merger was mooted I think most people realized that the merger would be to the advantage of both companies but I do not think you can really blame the directors of this company for holding it up because I am certain if the New Engineering had been in the same position as this company, i.e. of having no Preference Shareholders, the amalgamation could have come about very much sooner.

Mr. Soyka.—The amalgamation would have come one year sooner if Mr. Anderson had not been opposed to the acceptance by Preferential Shareholders of Ordinary shares, and I know nearly 50 per cent. wanted to accept the proposal.

By the agitation of Mr. Anderson the amalgamation was prolonged for one year. The loss to the New Engineering was over $400,000 in that year, and the loss to the Shanghai Dockyards that the best time was missed for the sale of our property when there was a boom. This was due to Mr. Anderson and the Preferential Shareholders will regret that they did not accept Ordinary shares. As I said at that time, there is the danger of the devaluation of the currency. This is what I wanted to say and to-day the Preferential Shareholders would have been far better off had they accepted Ordinary shares, even if the currency does get devalued.

There being no further questions the following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously:—

That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts made up to December 31, 1937, as printed and circulated, be adopted. Proposed by Mr. W. S. Burns. Seconded by Mr. J. H. Keswick.

That the Directors be and are authorised to transfer the sum of $202,000 from the Special reserve account to Profit and Loss account and pay a dividend of $3.50 per share to shareholders on the Register at date. Proposed by Dr. A. Korff. Seconded by Mr. W. Thomson.

That the election of Mr. L. J. Davies as a Director be confirmed. Proposed by Mr. L. Soyka. Seconded by Mr. W. S. Burns.

That Mr. D. Morison and Dr. A. Korff be re-elected Directors of the Company. Proposed by Mr. J. H. Keswick. Seconded by Mr. W. S. Burns.

That Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews be elected Auditors to the Company for the current year. Proposed by Mr. L. J. Davies. Seconded by Mr. D. Morison.

TOKYO COMMISSIONERS FOR ROME, BERLIN

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

To maintain closer contact with Italy and Germany on the anti-Comintern front, the Home Ministry to-day decided to station commissioners in charge of anti-Comintern affairs in Berlin and Rome in July. —Domei.

SHANGHAI FOREIGN TRADE

Foreign Imports in February $17,160,264

EXPORTS TOTAL $19,398,262

A grand total of $17,160,264 for foreign imports from abroad during February 1938, swelling the January-February figure to $32,550,502 is noted from the returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs for Shanghai. Exports totalled $10,398,262 for February and $21,079,562 for the January-February period.

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawals)

	Feb. 1938	Jan.-Feb. 1938
Cotton P.G., grey	6.596	11,431
Piece white or dyed	109,383	136,645
Piece printed	2,206	4,187
Piece miscellaneous	33,012	37,163
Cotton, raw, yarn	132,600	730,858
Cotton manu., sundry	19,907	39,988
Flax, ramie, hemp	340,046	763,143
Wool and Manu.	486,316	815,912
Silk	23,540	53,332
Metal and Ores	2,906,903	4,190,247
Machinery & Tools	2,224,672	3,351,217
Vehicles and vessels	659,037	767,662
Metal Manu.,	883,888	1,377,765
Fishery Products	172,131	208,573
Canned Goods	257,065	492,946
Cereals and Flour	1,056,393	5,381,947
Fruits, seeds	53,882	159,282
Medicinal goods	39,686	59,012
Sugar	104,524	194,629
Wines, beer	40,785	84,033
Tobacco	1,739,232	2,957,549
Pharmaceuticals	418,707	967,387
Dyes, varnishes	326,331	525,185
Candies, resins, etc.,	1,439,389	3,202,870
Books, maps, paper	2,061,121	3,439,200
Hides, leather, etc.,	45,828	114,492
Timber	2,340	42,786
Bamboo, straw, etc.,	35,042	94,220
Coal, fuel, tar	961,469	1,157,881
Chinaware, etc.,	148,245	291,301
Stone, earth	41,151	78,852
Sundry	387,826	828,892
Grand Total	17,160,264	32,550,502

Net Exports

	Feb. 1938	Jan.-Feb. 1938
Animal products	1,752,884	4,643,600
Hides, leather	135,719	298,411
Fish products	2,223	7,179
Beans and peas	—	—
Cereals	—	—
Dyestuffs, vegetables	19,331	71,533
Fruits, preserves	8,417	22,201
Medicinals	51,510	129,885
Oils, tallow, wax	1,012,329	1,957,253
Seeds	5,887	10,941
Spirituous Beverages	21,375	50,764
Sugar	—	—
Tea	1,240,057	2,435,353
Tobacco	332,064	724,113
Vegetables	13,250	37,363
Vegetable products	31,320	38,904
Bamboo	1,443	2,028
Fuel	16,014	33,249
Rattan	54	54
Timber	44,633	66,582
Paper	43,924	100,822
Textile Fibres	545,437	1,743,671
Yarn, thread	2,789,568	3,833,953
Piece goods	621,534	1,481,714
Other textiles	136,224	291,972
Ores, metals	116,737	310,257
Glass, glassware	24,620	51,726
Stone, earth	73,941	130,814
Chemicals	91,018	188,634
Printed Matter	294,717	434,617
Sundry	973,032	1,981,969
Grand Total	10,398,262	21,079,562

Value of Gold and Silver Imported from and Exported to Foreign Countries

	Feb. Gold G.U.	Feb. Silver $	Jan.-Feb. Gold G.U.	Jan.-Feb. Silver $
Imported from Hongkong	672.474	—	1,618,605	—
Total Imports	672,474	*	1,618,605	**

* Bank-notes, face value Chinese $2,541,640, £6,083, and U.S. $29,547 were imported during the month.

** Bank-notes, face value Chinese $9,458,640, £7,738 and U.S. $67,047, were imported during the month.

Imports from and Exports to Foreign Countries: Value of Merchandise

February 1938	G.U.	$
Imports		
Gross Imports	7,718,267	
Less Re-exports Abroad	108,394	
Net Imports	7,609,873	17,160,264
Exports		
Gross Exports		10,418,400
Less Reimports From Abroad		20,138
Net Exports		10,398,262
Total Net Imports and Exports		27,558,526
Excess of Imports Exports		6,762,002

January-February	1937 G.U.	1937 $	1938 G.U.	1938 $
Imports				
Gross Imports	42,244,614		14,659,779	
Less Re-exports Abroad	124,057		218,908	
Net Imports	42,120,557	96,448,999	14,440,871	32,550,502
Exports				
Gross Exp.	90,748,587		21,129,502	
Less Re-imports from Abroad	33,534		50,004	
Net exp.	90,715,053		21,079,562	
Total Net Imports and Exports	187,164,052		53,630,064	
Excess of Imports Exports	5,733,946		11,470,940	

BEANS DUMPED IN SHANGHAI

Manchurian Products Sold at Low Prices

Large quantities of Manchurian soy beans, said to have evaded the Customs duties, are being dumped on the local market, affecting the legitimate trade in Shanghai, according to information from Chinese sources.

The beans have been shipped to Shanghai from Dairen by some unscrupulous merchants, according to the report. As a result of the dumping, the current market price of this commodity has been forced down. The smuggled beans are being sold at $6.20 per picul, whereas the local market price is about $7.50.

The supplies of this commodity formerly came from Yangtze ports, but after the fall of Nanking, bean shipments have been mainly obtained from Nantungchow and Tsungming Island. The diminishing supply, coupled with the steady demands by Fukien and Kwangtung merchants, have forced up the price to $7.50.

The local merchants are reported to have purchased a large stock of beans from Nantungchow before the closure of the port. The sharp underselling has therefore caused them heavy losses.

RADIO LINK WITH SHIPS RESUMED

Japanese Company Starts New Service

With the resumption of business by a firm whose name was given as the Shanghai Coastal Wireless Station, shore-to-ship radio communication now is being carried on between Japanese vessels and Shanghai, according to local Japanese newspapers.

The service was started on Monday on a frequency of 500 kilocycles, the station using the call letters YSN. Business hours have been set from 6 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock at night. Messages will be received in Japanese characters or *romaji* letters.

Rates were given as follows: Fcs 0.50 a word at the station; collection fee, 34 cents or 34 sen; Fcs. 0.40 on ship; collection fee, 27 cents or 27 sen; total collection fee, 61 cents or 61 sen. In Japanese messages an address is counted as a word and seven letters of the text are counted as one word, the minimum rate for one message being the same as that for three words.

Foreigners on Japanese ships can use the service. It is planned to start radio contact between Shanghai and foreign vessels also, the papers stated.

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JAPANESE RAIDERS OVER HANKOW

Another Attack Made on Aerodrome

BOMBS ALSO DROPPED ON NANCHANG

In the second series of night air raids upon Nanchang and Hankow in two days, Japanese naval bombers caused extensive damage at the two Chinese military aerodromes on Tuesday, a Japanese naval spokesman claimed yesterday.

Flying in relays of five, the bombers paid three visits to Nanchang and two to Hankow. This was the most extensive night bombing carried out by the Japanese Navy since the outbreak of the hostilities.

Directing the raid upon Hankow was Lieut.-Commander Tsuneo Sugahisa, while at the head of the bombing squadrons that attacked Nanchang was Lieut.-Commander Takashi Suzuki.

Both the new and old aerodromes at Nanchang, the former laid out according to the Italian pattern, were attacked. Several fires broke out at the old aerodrome after the Japanese bombers had unloaded their missiles, while at the new air field, one hangar was blown up, one repair shop was hit and set on fire, and two conflagrations were started on the tramac in front of the hangars. These two fires were believed to have been caused by burning aircraft.

Several Chinese combat aircraft took to the air, but because of the darkness were prevented from engaging any of the Japanese bombers, according to the spokesman.

Fires at Hankow

Three fires were seen to have been ignited at Hankow on the first raid, and five blazes were caused by the bombs dropped the second time, the spokesman asserted.

While anti-aircraft fire from the ground was intense, no Chinese machines rose to meet the attackers at Hankow.

All machines participating in the two operations returned to their respective bases safely, the spokesman declared.

Meanwhile, in Central China aerial attacks were launched against Chinese military aerodromes at Lishui, Foochow and Kian.

In South China, the Canton-Hankow Railway was bombed in the vicinity of Yingtak. Raids on Chinese air bases included the bombing of the Paiyun and Tienho aerodromes, where military school buildings and anti-aircraft battery positions were hit, according to the spokesman.

In Shantung, co-operation was extended by the naval air force to advancing Japanese troops. Chinese defence positions and barracks at Lini, in the southern part of the province, were severely bombed on Tuesday.

KING CAROL UNABLE TO VISIT LONDON

London, Mar. 16.

It is announced from Buckingham Palace that the visit to England on March 22 of King Carol and Crown Prince Michael, of Rumania, has been postponed in view of the recent developments in the international situation.—Reuter.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT HUNTING SPIES

Japanese Wife of General Said To Have Been Arrested

Growing increasingly nervous over the rumours of a forthcoming attack on South China by Japanese troops, the Nationalist Government is making strenuous efforts to ferret out spies in all parts of the country, local Japanese newspapers said yesterday.

Seized in one of the sweeping "spy hunts," Mrs. Chen Yi, Japanese wife of Gen. Chen Yi, Chairman of the Fukien Provincial Government, now is in custody in Chungking, the papers stated.

She was arrested on orders of the Nationalist Government because of her Japanese nationality, the papers claimed.

Helen Broderick's so proud of her son's work in "Of Mice and Men" that she had a sign painted on her dressing room door: Broderick Crawford's Mother.

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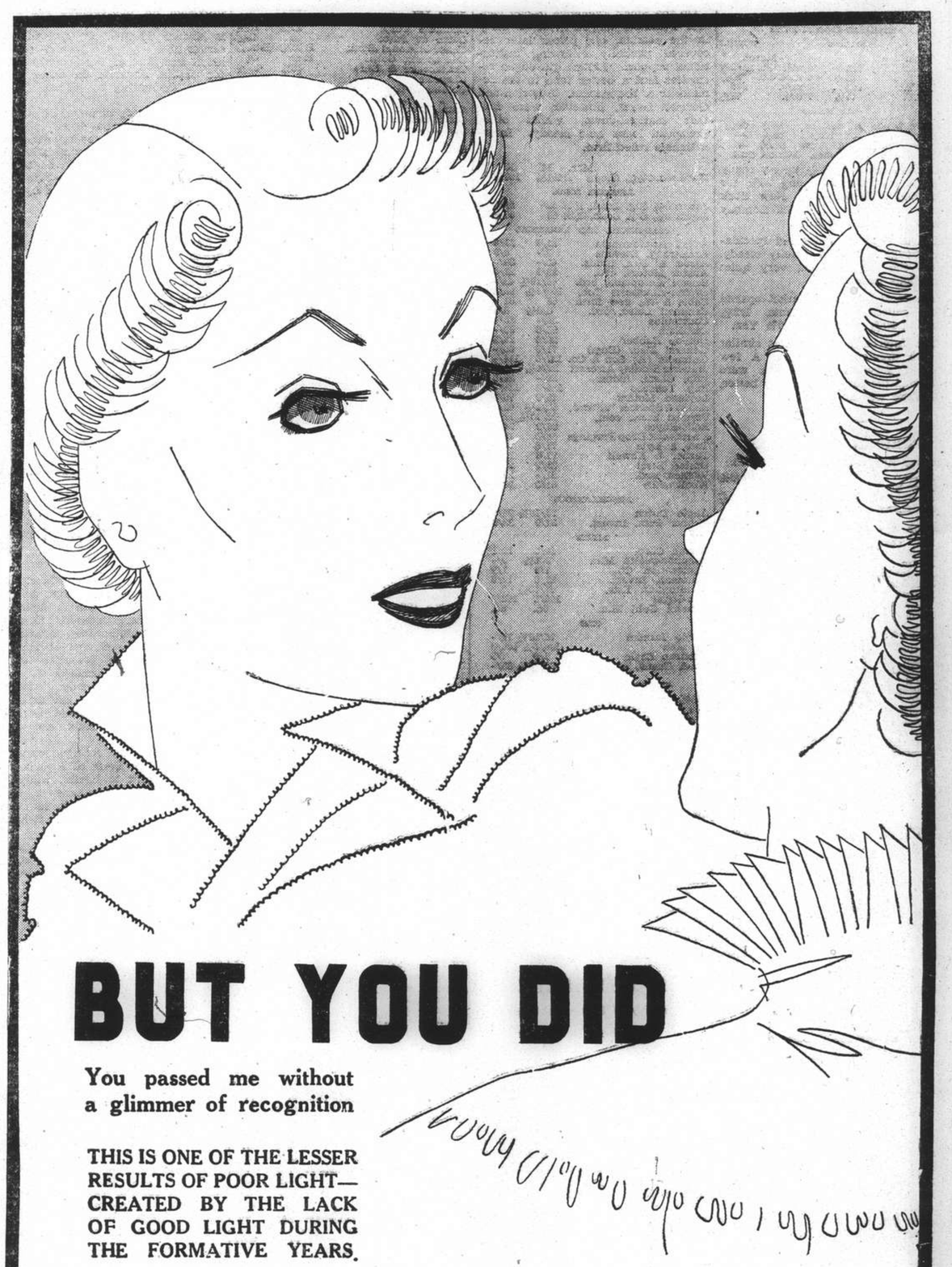
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You passed me without a glimmer of recognition
THIS IS ONE OF THE LESSER RESULTS OF POOR LIGHT—CREATED BY THE LACK OF GOOD LIGHT DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS.
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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

MONEY & EXCHANGE

Quotations in Chinese Standard Dollars

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1938

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 1/16	$ 17.07
U.S. $100 @ 29 3/16	$342.61

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 3/16	$16.9162
U.S. $100 @ 29½	$338.98
London—demand	1/2 3/16
4 months' sight credits	1/2¼
4 months' sight docts	1/2 5/16
6 months' sight credits	1/2⅜
6 months' sight docts	1/2 7/16
New York—demand	U.S. $29½
4 months' sight credits	29⅝
4 months' sight docts	29¾
Paris—4 months' sight docts	Fcs. nom.

CLOSING RATES

Sterling ......1/2 1/16 U.S. $29 3/16

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 29 3/16=$342.62

Netherlands Trading Society

Java Guilders $100	Buying	53
Netherlands Guilders $100	"	53⅛
Java Guilders $100	Selling	52
Netherlands Guilders $100	"	52⅛

National City Bank of New York

Buying U.S.$1=$3.3827 £1=$16.842

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$338.99	£1=$16.91
Selling	U.S.$100=$342.61	£1=$17.06

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 1.74½=$1 Belgas 29.50=£1

Other Quotations

It. Lire 5.40=$1 Swiss F. 1.26½=$1
Tourist Lire 6.10 ....=$1
Berlin-Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 72½
$100=Reg. Mk. 136.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

MERCHANTS CLOSING RATES

	SELLING Cash		BUYING March	
£	T.T.	1/2 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	1/2 3/16
G.$	T.T.	29 1/16	4 m/s. l.c.	29⅜
Fcs.	T.T.	953	4 m/s.	995
Rs.	T.T.	77½	7 d/s.	78½

BAR SILVER

London pence per std. oz.	20⅜	20 5/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	44¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	51.04	—

Bombay offtake nil bars. Market dull.

London silver was 1/16 up for ready and ⅛ up forward, being 20⅜ for spot and 20 5/16 forward. New York was unchanged at 44¾ and Bombay was 2 annas up at 51.04.

It was reported India and speculators bought. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing very quiet conditions prevailed.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants, 1/2 1/16 Sterling 29 3/16 U.S.$ and 100¾ Yen.

The Interbank market was similar to the previous two days. A few isolated forward transactions were done and the tone was slightly better, but there was no activity.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 15.

Japan	77½	London	1/6⅛
New York	266	2 mths	
Shanghai	79¾	" (sellers)	1/6 3/16
Hongkong	84⅛	" (buyers)	1/6⅛

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	498.12	Shanghai	1/2 3/16
Paris	162.75	Hongkong	1/3
Berlin	12.39	Bombay	1/6 3/32
Amsterdam	8.91¾	Singapore	2/4 1/16
Brussels	29.59	Yokohama	1/1 31/32
Madrid	79.00 N	" (buying)	1/1 31/32
Milan	94.62	C'slovakia	142.00
Berne	21.64		

New York: U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.17	Japan	28.79
Spain	5.75	Shanghai	29.31
Holland	55.46	Austria	unq.
Paris	3.06¼	C'slovakia	3.50½
Brussels	16.84½	Hungary	19.90
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.74½
S'zerland	23.02½	Yugo Slavia	2.34½
Sweden	25.65	Greece	0.91⅜
Norway	25.02½	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	22.22½	Finland	2.20¾
Montreal	99.870	Poland	18.95
Brazil	5.90		

London	4.97 13/16
London Demand	4.98 1/16
London Bankers' 60 days bills	4.97 9/16
London Commercial 60 days bills	4.97 15/32
Buenos Aires Paper	30.88
Buenos Aires Paper, Market rate	25.90
Montreal on London	4.98½

—Reuter.

FOREIGN MONEY RATES

London: Mar. 15.

Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills, 6 months	0 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2¼%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	2¾%
Call Money	0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B / 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B / 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

BRITISH COMMODITIES

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 15.

Among commodities, cotton ruled weaker early in the day, but then firmed up on speculative support. A more cheerful tone prevailed in the London Metal Exchange, where copper and tin advanced sharply on prospects of even a larger re-armament programme. However, a certain amount of profit-taking reduced the early gains.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 6⅞ —1/16, sellers 7 unch; April delivery, buyers 6 15/16 unch; seller 7 —1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): March 4/10½ unch; May 5/1¼ +½; Aug. 5/3¼ +¾.

Liverpool Wheat: March 7/0⅞ —⅛; May 7/0⅞ +½; July 6/11¼ +¾.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: Mar. 4.96 +3; May 5.00 +3; July 5.05 +2; Sept. 5.08 +1; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7): Mar. 6.84 —1; May 6.85 unch; July 6.92 unch; Sept. 6.92 unch.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. cash sellers £41⅜ +1⅛; 3 mths sellers £41⅝ +1 3/16; Electrolytic, buyers £44½ +1; sellers £45½ +1; Tin, Standard, cash sellers £187 +4; 3 mths sellers £187¼ +4¼; Lead, foreign, official price, sellers £16½ +⅜; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £17 1/16 +⅜; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £15⅜ +⅞; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £15¼ +1⅜.—Reuter.

SILVER QUOTATIONS

London, Mar. 16.

Spot silver remained unchanged today, whilst forward declined 1/16d. from yesterday, with quotations fixed as follow:

	Mar. 15	Mar. 16
London spot	20⅜d.	20⅜d.
" forward	20 1/16d.	20d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.97 9/16	$4.97 9/16
One U.S. dollar	48.247d.	48.235d.
Gold	139/8½d.	139/9½d.

—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday's Business

The market was not quite so active to-day, and rates were inclined to be slightly easier.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

		CASH
400	Alma	$ 17.00
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 14.30
1,000	Kelantan	$ 0.40
1,000	Langkat	$ 6.75
4,000	Kelantan	$ 0.39
1	S'hai Power (Pref)	$111.00
2	S'hai Power (Pref)	$111.25
10	Union Insurance	Hk.$545.00
2,000	Kroewoek	$ 0.98
2,000	Tebong	$ 0.86
6,000	Cheng	$ 0.50
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 14.30
5	S'hai Power (Pref)	$111.25
1,000	Kelantan	$ 0.39
1,000	Seremban	$ 1.50
1,000	Tanah Merah	$ 1.85

UNOFFICIAL

10	Union Insurance	Hk.$545.00
100	Sungei Duri	$ 28.00
	Total	20,328 Shares

OFFICIAL INDEXES

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

	Mar. 15	16	Change
S'hai Rub. Share	224.98	224.34	Off 0.64
S'hai Gen. Stock	*	**	—
Chi. Govt. Bond	*	Closed	—

*—August 13, 1937.
**—Compilation Temporarily suspended until active trading resumed.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 15.

On the Stock Exchange to-day general weakness was in evidence early in the session, but prices later recovered partially following institutional support. British gilt-edged securities lent a better tone to the remainder of the market. Austrian and German issues, however, were further marked-down, whilst other European loans held steady. Internationals ruled firm.

	Mar. 14	15
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£101 5/16	100⅞
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	52	50½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	63	60½
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	21/6	21/6
Armstrong, Stevens	7/-	6/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/-	39/-
Austin Motors, ord.	28/9	27/6
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	46/10½	45/-
British-American Tob.	100/7½	96/3
Cable & W., new form	62	61
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/4½	8/3
Courtaulds	39/-	38/4½
Distillers	93/6	90/-
Dunlop Rubber	29/6	28/9
General Elec. (Eng.)	71/3	69/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	117/6	114/-
Hawker Siddley Aircraft	22/4½	21/6
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/-	28/9
Imp. Tobacco	136/3	130/-
Leyland Motors	78/9	76/3
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	53/1½	48/4½
Pressed Steel, com.	13/10½	12/10½
Rolls-Royce	88/9	84/7½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	18/3	18/3
Tate & Lyle	77/6	77/-
Turner & Newall	77/6	75/7½
United Steel	25/9	25/7½
Vickers, ord.	21/-	20/9
Woolworths	61/9	59/10½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	25/10½	24/9
Rubber Pltn. Invest.	24/9	23/9
MINES		
Burma Corp.	10/3	10/1½
Commonwealth Min.	2/4½	2/-
Exploration Co.	1/9	1/9
Marsman Invest.	17/6	17/6
Randfontein Ests.	41/10½	40/10½
Sub-Nigel	196/3	193/9
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	76/10½	75/-
Burmah	108/1½	106/3
Mexican Eagle	7/9	7/3
Shell Trans. & Trad.	86/10½	85/-
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£78	76
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	73	70
4½% Anglo-French Loan	88	88
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	52	50
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	64	60
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	18	18
5% Honan Rly., 1905	40	40
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	30	28
5% " " (Ger. Is.)	28	26
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	22	20½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	42	40
5% T'tsin-Pukow Ry. B.	30	27
5% " " G.	30	27
5% " " (Supl. Loan) B.	30	37
5% " " (Supl. Loan) G.	30	27
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	23	21
S'hai Elec. Construction	38/- N	38/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	27½ N	27½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	33 N	33 N
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	12⅛	12⅛
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	95½	90
" " (Col. Reg.)	96½	90
Chinese Eng. & Min.	16/-	16/-
Chosen Corp.	8/3	8/3
Pekin Syndicate	3/3	3/3
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	25/7½	25/-

U.S. COMMODITIES

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 15.

The cotton market was early depressed by liquidation and the circulation of notices covering 203 bales. Later, prices became steadier on trade and speculative buying with foreign buying of later months, while the action of other commodities as well as the further steadiness of Liverpool advices encouraged replacement buying. Towards the close the heavy straddle pressure was noticeably reduced. Finally, the market again advanced on spot houses and Liverpool buying and closed steady, with quotations ranging from 4 to 8 points up.

Prices in the rubber market early declined on lower cables, liquidation and a lack of interest. Buyers still appear to be apathetic. At the last call-over, quotations ranged from 1 point up to 6 points down.

Wheat prices in Chicago advanced on better export and mill demands, covering, an improved technical position and unfavourable weather reports. At the final bell, gains of ⅜ to ⅞ of a cent. were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	8.92-93 +04	May	14.35-35 —03
July	8.99-99 +07	July	14.46-48 unc. B/A
Oct.	9.08-08 +06		
Dec.	9.08-08 +05	Sept.	14.56-58 +01 B/A
Jan.	9.11 N. +08		
		Dec.	14.73-75 —06

New York Sugar No. 4	New York Silk
Sept. 1.01B-02A —1	Mar. 1.60½-61 +1½ B/A

Chicago Wheat	Chicago Corn
May 86¼-86⅛ +⅜	May 58⅛-58⅛ +½
July 83¼-83⅛ +⅞	July 60-60 +½

Winnipeg Wheat	Montreal Silver
May 117½-117½ +½	Mar. 44.85-5.10 +05 B/A
July 108⅜-108½+½	

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Mar. 14	Mar. 15
Antamok	.55	.53
Atok	.28	.28
Benguet Consolidated	9.80	9.70
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	.38	.37
Mine Operations	.13	.13
San Mauricio	.53	.52
United Paracale	.43	.43

Turnover 605,000 Pesos.
Index. (closing prices) 86.46.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 15.

Stock prices on Wall Street to-day advanced about 4 points on foreign buying, as well as on several operators envisaging 1937 earnings reports as a boosting factor. Coppers strengthened on heavy foreign buying of the commodity, while rubbers advanced despite the fact that February consumption was poorer than for the corresponding period of last year. Steels responded to reports of the very large volume of steel speculations. The turnover amounted to 760,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

30 Indust.	127.44	124.52	127.24	+3.56
20 Rails	26.75	26.20	26.58	+0.23
20 Utilit.	19.06	18.53	19.01	+0.33
40 Bond	—	—	88.13	+0.07
11 Commod.	—	—	52.31	+0.22

	Mar. 14	15
Adams Express	8⅞	9¼
Allegheny Steel Co.	B 16¼	16⅝
Allis Chalmers	46⅝	48⅝
Amer. Can	85½	87½
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	*23	23¾
Amer. & For. Power	3½	3¾
" $7 pfd.	B 20	22½
Amer. Locomotive	19	19⅝
Amer. Metals	31½	32¾
Amer. Radiator	12⅛	12¾
Amer. Rolling Mill	18½	19¾
Amer. Smelting	46¾	49⅝
Amer. Sugar Refining	B 27¾	B 27¾
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	*130½	131⅜
Amer. Tobacco "B"	66⅞	69¼
Amer. Waterworks	9	9¼
Anaconda Copper	32⅛	33¼
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	33⅜	34⅝
Atlas Corp.	7	7¼
Auburn	4	4
Baltimore & Ohio	7⅛	7⅜
" " pfd.	8¼	8⅝
Barber Co.	16½	17½
Barnsdall Oil Co.	15	14⅞
Bethlehem Steel	56⅜	58⅜
Boeing Airplane Co.	28¼	29⅜
Borden Co.	17½	17⅞
Borg Warner	23⅛	25
Briggs Manufacturing Co.	21⅞	22⅞
Bklyn-Manhattan	9⅝	9¾
" " $6 cum. pfd.	28	27¾
Case, J.I.	82	87
Can Pacific Rly.	6⅛	6¼
Celanese Corp.	14¾	15½
Cerro de Pasco	40	41½
Chase National Bank	B 30⅝	B 31¼
Chesapeake Corp.	B 40	44
Chesapeake & Ohio	32¼	33½
Chrysler	51¾	54
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7⅛	7⅜
" " "A" pfd.	70¼	B 70¼
Coml. Credit	33½	35¼
Coml. Solvents	7½	8
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1⅜
" " $6 cum. pfd.	34⅛	35⅜
Consolid. Edison	20⅞	21¼
Consolid. Oil	9	9¼
Continental Can	41½	42
Continental Oil	28	29⅛
Corn Products	64	64
Curtis Wright (com.)	4⅛	4½
" "A"	16⅜	16¾
Delaware & Hudson	14	14¼
Delaware, Lackawanna	6¼	6½
Deere Co.	22¼	23¾
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	13½	13¾
Douglas Aircraft	40	41
Du Pont de Nemours	116	120½
Eagle Picher Lead	10⅜	10½
Elec. Boat Co.	8½	8¾
Elec. Bond & Sh.	7	7⅝
" " $5 pfd.	B 44	47½
" " $6 pfd.	52	53
Elec. Power & Lt.	9¼	10
" " 7% pfd.	34½	38½
Flintkote Co.	16⅛	16⅞
Freeport Sulphur	26	27⅛
Gen. Amer. Trans.	38¾	40
Gen. Cigar	26½	B 25
Gen. Elec.	38⅝	39¾
Gen. Foods	27⅜	28¼
Gen. Motors	34⅜	36
Gen. Rly. Signal	21	21
Glidden Co.	20	19¾
Godchaux Sugar,	B 36	B 36
Goodrich (B.F.)	16⅛	17
" $5 pfd.	B 46½	50½
Goodyear Tire & R.	21	22¼
Great Northern Rly., pfd.	19¾	20⅜
Great Western Sugar	*27⅞	B 28
Greyhound Corp.	10⅛	11¼
Hecker Prods.	6⅜	6¾
Humble Oil	67	67½
Int. Nickel	49	50⅜
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7½	8⅛
Interstate Department	B 9½	9⅞
Kennecott	37	38
Lambert Co.	11¼	11
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	32	33
Lockheed Aircraft	7¾	8⅜
Loew's Inc.	45	47¼
Lorillard	B *16	16
McKesson & Rob. $3 pfd.	B 31¾	33
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	17½	18½
Monsanto Chemical	84	85½
Montgomery Ward	34⅜	35⅞
Nat. Bond & Investment	B 13½	B 13¾
Nat. Cash Register	15½	16
National City Bank	B 25	B 25⅜
Nat. Dairy Prods.	13⅝	13⅝
Nat. Distillers	21½	22¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	B 6⅝	6⅞
Nat. Supply Co.	20¾	21½
New York Central	15¾	16
Niagara Hudson & Power	7¼	7⅜
North American Aviation	7¾	8¼
North American Co.	*18⅛	18⅜
Northern Pacific	10⅛	10½
Pacific Gas & Electric	26	26
Pacific Lighting	36	36
Packard Motors	4¼	4¼
Paramount Pictures Inc.	8¾	9⅜
" " 1st pfd.	*B 79	B 78½
Pennsylvania R.R.	19½	19¾
Phillips Petroleum	36¼	37½
Public Serv. of N.J.	29½	30½
Pure Oil	11½	11⅞
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6⅛	6⅜
Republic Steel Co.	16⅝	17⅜
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38⅜	38⅞
Schenley	21	21⅝
" 5½% pfd.	80	B 78¼
Sears Roebuck	58¼	60⅜
Shell Union Oil	14⅛	13⅞
Socony-Vacuum	14	14⅜
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	21½	21¼
Sthrn. Pacific	16⅛	16¼
Southern Railway	9¾	10⅜
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	16	16⅝
Stand. Brands	7⅞	7¾
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3⅜	3⅝
" " $7 pfd.	20¼	21
Stand. Oil of N.J.	49½	51½
Sterling Prods.	58¼	58¼
Studebaker	5⅛	5¼
Swift International	23½	B 23½
Technicolor	19⅛	19¾
Texas Corporation	40¼	42
Texas Gulf Sulphur	31⅜	32½
Tide Water Associated Oil	14	13⅞
Transamerica	10⅛	10⅜
T'tieth Century Fox Film,	21⅞	22¼
" pfd.	B 27½	28½
Un. Carbide & Carbon	74	75¾
Un. Pacific	72¼	71¾
Un. Aircraft (new)	24	25¼
United Air Lines Transport	7¼	7⅝
Un. Corp.	2⅞	2⅞
" $3 pfd.	27½	28¾
Un. Gas Corp.	3⅞	4
Un. Gas Improvement	9⅞	10
United Light & Power Co.	2⅛	2¼
U. S. Indus. Alcohol	B 17	18
U. S. Rubber	31¼	33⅝
" " 8% non-cum.	71½	80¼
U. S. Smelt., Ref. & Min.	68	70
U. S. Steel	52½	54¼
Vanadium	16½	17⅝
Warner Bros. Picts.	5⅛	5⅜
Westinghouse Elec.	90¾	93½
Woodward Iron	14⅝	15¾
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	35¾	37½
BONDS		
Amer. & For.	51½	52
Brazil	16½	16½
Chic. Mil. Stp. & Pac. 5%	9½	10¼
Cities Serv.	52¼	53
Int. Tel. & Tel.	85	85¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	57½	59½
New England Gas & Elec.	52	53¾
Peru 6s 1961	10	9⅞
Stand. Gas & Elec.	49	49
SPECIAL WEEKLY LIST OF CLOSING		
Ass. Gas & Elec.	B 6½	6½
Atlan. Gulf & W.	10	B 9½
Atlantic Refining Co.	22⅛	22⅝
Bethlehem Steel 5% pfd.	15¼	15⅛
Bristol Myers	31	31¾
Consolidated Aircraft	14⅞	16½
Consumers Power $4.50	**B 82½	B 81
Coty Inc.	3⅞	3¾
Crown Zellerbach	***9½	9¾
Cudahy Packing	16	14½
Distillers Corp.	74	B 72¼
Eitingon Schild	3⅜	3¼
Evans Wallover Lead 7%	6¾	B 6½
General Mills	56	54½
Household Finance 5%	B 88½	88
Howe Sound	46	46
Int. Agric. Corp.	B 22½	23
Lerner Stores 4½%	B 65	B 66
Missouri Pwr. & Lt. $6	B 84	B 82
Mountain City Copper	6¾	6⅝
Nash Kelvinator	9¼	8¾
Nat. Power & Lt. $6 pfd.	52½	51
Pennroad Corp.	2¼	2⅛
Texas Pacific Land Trust	9⅜	9½
United Biscuit	18⅜	B 17¾
BONDS		
Anglo-Chilean Nintrate	26½	27¾
Argentine 4½s 1971	93⅞	92¼
" 4s 1972	83⅞	83½
Armour & Co. Deb.	91½	90½
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	25⅝	25½
Bethlehem Steel	94¾	94⅝
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	49¾	46½
Buenos Aires 4⅛-4⅜ 1977	60	60
Chic. City Rly.	51	46¼
Chile Mortgage Bank	15⅝	B 15¼
Denver & Rio Grande	B 12	B 12
Elec. Power & Lt.	68	67½
Erie 5s '67	13½	13
Jap. Government	62	62¼
Minas Geraes (State of)	B 9¾	9¼
Mortgage Bank	B 22⅛	B 22⅝
Nat. Power & Lt.	69	68½
" " 5s 2030	74½	75
New England Power Ass.	83⅛	83
Norway 4⅛s 1965	103⅞	104
Oslo 4½s 1955	103	103
Paramount Pict's S.F.	92	91
Republic of Colombia	14¾	14⅝
Republic Steel 4½s 1961	82½	79½
Rio Grande Do Sol	B 3⅝	9⅛
Sao Paulo	B 8½	8⅜
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	51⅜	46
" " '77	64⅛	55
Sthrn. Rly. Deb.	47	41⅛

B—Bid —*Ex Div. **—Ex—Dividend on March 9 ***—Ex—Dividend on March 11. —Reuter.

THE WORLD'S TIN IN 1937

Statistics show that a series of New Records were Established in the Industry

STATISTICS just published in the Statistical Bulletin of the International Tin Research and Development Council reveal that a series of new records was established in the tin industry in 1937. World production for the year reached a record if 206,900 tons, exceeding production for 1936 by nearly 27,000 tons. World apparent consumption of tin, at 197,300 tons in 1937, was also at a record level, and showed an increase of 36,600 tons over the figure for 1936. The estimated consumption of tin in manufacture increased by 8,000 tons to 172,000 tons, the discrepancy between these two computations of consumption indicating that consumers' stocks were appreciably increased during 1937.

The apparent consumption of tin in the U.S.A. in 1937 was the highest on record at 86,663 tons, showing an increase of nearly 19 per cent. over the figure for 1936. The total quantity of tin shipped to the U.S.S.R. in 1937 was over 25,000 tons, representing about 2½ times the previous year's record of 9,664 tons. Consumption in Japan reached a record of 8,200 tons; while records were also attained in Sweden, 1,909 tons; Holland, 1,470 tons; Denmark, 711 tons; Norway, 595 tons; and Finland 294 tons. Nearly 26,000 tons were taken by the United Kingdom, where consumption was the highest for ten years. Tin consumption in Germany increased by 37½ per cent. over the 1936 figure to 11,643 tons in 1937, which was the highest figure recorded since 1930. In several other countries, on the other hand, tin consumption decreased in 1937. In France there was a decrease of 5.8 per cent., in Italy of 3.7 per cent., and in Poland of 3.8 per cent. The aggregate consumption of all countries which used less than 1,000 tons in 1937 was 13,026 tons, and this figure, which includes the tin consumption of Spain, was 13 per cent. lower than in 1936.

Tin consumption statistics for countries which used more than 1,000 tons in 1937 are tabulated below in comparison with the statistics for 1936.

	1937 long tons	1936 tons	per cent. increase or decrease
U.S.A.	86,663	73,039	+ 18.7
United Kingdom	25,971	21,860	+ 18.8
U.S.S.R.	25,125	9,664	+160.0
Germany	11,643	8,462	+ 37.6
France	9,179	9,748	— 5.8
Japan	8,212	6,401	+ 28.3
Italy	3,509	3,642	+ 3.7
Canada	2,500	2,164	+ 15.5
British India	2,470	2,293	+ 7.7
Sweden	1,909	1,692	+ 12.8
Czechoslovakia	1,731	1,684	+ 2.8
Belgium	1,520	1,336	+ 13.8
Netherlands	1,470	1,284	+ 14.5
Poland	1,272	1,322	— 3.8
Switzerland	1,100	1,109	— 0.8
Other Countries	13,026	15,000	— 13.2
Total Apparent Consumption	197,300	160,700	+ 22.8

Tinplate Industry

In 1937 new record outputs of tinplate were established in nearly all the important producing countries. About 65,000 tons of tin were used in the manufacture of tinplate in 1937, against 62,000 tons in 1936. Appreciable increases in the consumption of tinplate took place in the U.S.A., the United Kingdom, Germany, Canada and the Netherlands.

Production Under Tin Agreement

The output of tin by the countries signatory to the Tin Control Agreement totalled 179,991 tons in 1937, compared with the permissible exports of 212,474 tons. Of the total under-export of 35,527 tons, only 1,402 tons have been carried forward into 1938. Production by non-signatory countries in 1937 differed only slightly from that of the preceding year. Figures for China are available only up to September 1937, but these indicate very little change from 1936. Production increased in Burma and in Portugal, but practically no exports of tin-ore from Spain were recorded in 1937.—Reuter.

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY REPORT

Improved Earnings Over Previous Year

The Danish East Asiatic Company's report for 1937 shows a net result for the year, after providing for depreciation and with addition of the sum brought forward, of Kroner 7.478.891.19, from which is proposed to pay a dividend of 8 per cent. and to carry forward Kroner 2.659.925,21. The result marks a substantial improvement on the net earnings during the preceding year amounting to Kroner 5.517.263,92 from which likewise was paid a dividend of 8 per cent, while Kroner 1.256.318,54 were carried forward to 1937.

The gross earnings in 1937 amounted to Kroner 18.649.229,26 against Kroner 14.031.412,93 in 1936, and in consonance with the Company's usual policy of consolidation liberal provision for depreciation has been made. The company's share capital is Kroner 50 Millions, and the reserves now aggregate Kroner 41.959.925,21 and, further, the Security Fund for capital invested in other companies amounting to Kroner 3.977.157,20.

The Company's turnover of oversea products through the Head Office in Copenhagen aggregated approximately 906.000 tons, against 919.000 tons in 1936, and of the total 195.000 tons were transported by the Company's own vessels and 711.000 tons by outside tonnage.

Company's Fleet

The East Asiatic Co.'s fleet comprises 25 motorships of 179.687 gross register tons and 240.603 tons deadweight. The value of the fleet on January 1, 1938 totals Kroner 43.485.581,57, or Kroner 180.74 per ton deadweight, while the average age of the ships is 14 years.

It will be recalled that the East Asiatic Co.'s founder and chairman His Excellency H. N. Anderson died on December 30, 1937, after having witnessed the growth to prominence in world trade of the company he established in 1897.

AUSTRIAN CURRENCY MERGER

Foreign Customs Barriers to Be Maintained

Vienna, Mar. 15.

It is announced here that the National Bank of Austria is trying to reach an accord intended to settle clearing accounts between Austria and Hungary. The exchange of the two moneys would be calculated on a basis of 50 Reichsmarks for 100 Austrian schillings, since Austrian currency must now be calculated in marks, and this rate would be maintained until the funds had been liquidated.

The gold and foreign currency holdings of the Bank of Austria will be shortly sent to Berlin, while the Bank itself will become a mere branch of the Reichsbank, the Governor of which, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, arrived here to-day.

German law on foreign currencies and the export of capital will be enforced throughout Austria, and creditors in Austria will be treated in the same way as creditors in Germany.

While all customs tariffs between Austria and Germany will be cancelled, the tariffs on imports into Austria from abroad will be provisionally maintained by an order of the Finance Ministry released this evening. The communique emphasized that a similar situation exists in Hamburg which is part of German territory but which remains a free port with a special customs system.—Havas.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY MEETING

The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., are in receipt of a telegram from their Head Office announcing that at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on April 13, the Directors will recommend the payment of a Final Dividend of 15 shillings per share for the year ended December 31, 1937.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BOND

Osaka, Mar. 16.

Kogo 5% Y.102.77
—Reuter.

GOLD ENGAGEMENTS FROM ENGLAND

New York, Mar. 15.

Gold to the value of $2,255,000 has been engaged for shipment to New York to-day. The whole of this amount will come from England.

This is the first shipment of gold from Europe since September 1937.—Reuter.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, Mar. 15.

The following were to-day's Reichsmark quotations: New York 40.14, Paris 1340, Amsterdam 72.40 to 72.45, London 12.402.

Paris quoted sterling at 166.50 to 167.00 and the U.S. dollar at 33.21 to 33.27.—Trans-Ocean.

AYRES SEES BUSINESS DECLINE

Cleveland, Mar. 15.

Col. Leonard P. Ayres, head of the Cleveland Trust Co., said in his monthly financial review to-day that business was suffering from "financial anoemia", or a deficiency in the flow of new business capital.

"The business relapse," he said, "appears to have been induced by the downturn in industry and trade in the rest of the world....It has not yet developed to depression proportions abroad, but a decline is clearly under way."—United Press.

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, Mar. 15.

The share market continued to show a firm tone to-day although there was no marked revival of the business activity. There was a certain amount of selling on previous day gains and consequently prices were inclined to take an irregular development.

Callmoney stood at 2¾ to 3 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS BOURSE

Paris, Mar. 15.

The Bourse revealed an upward trend in practically all counters during to-day's session.

The advance was led by Rentes, bank issues, and chemicals.

Despite the rise in Sterling, Internationals were reluctant to follow the general trend, although closing slightly higher then yesterday.

French shares closed at the day's highs, while internationals hesitated, particularly gold mines.—Havas.

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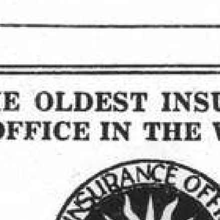

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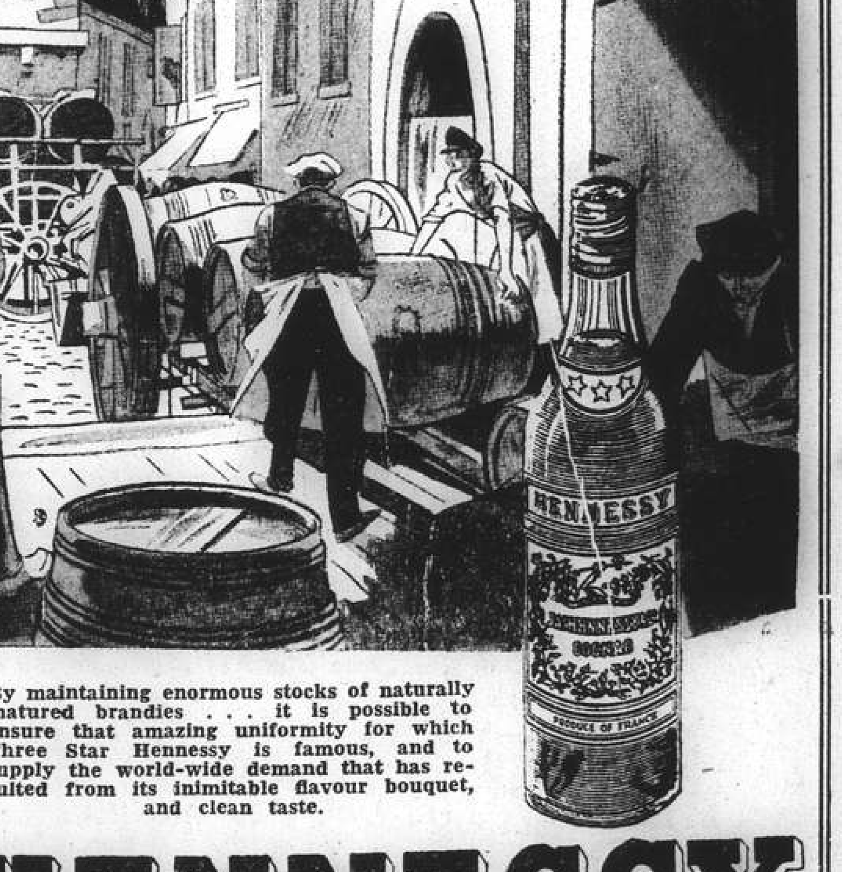

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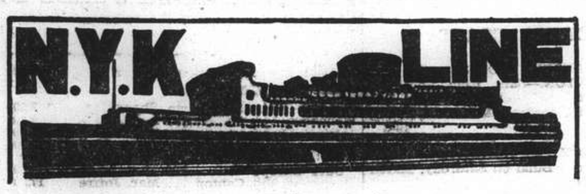

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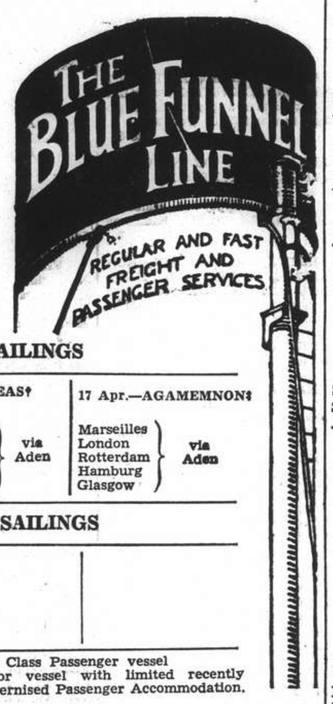

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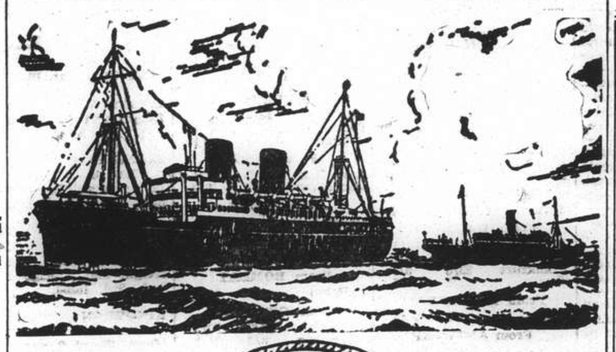

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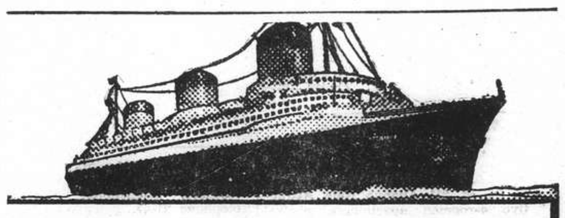

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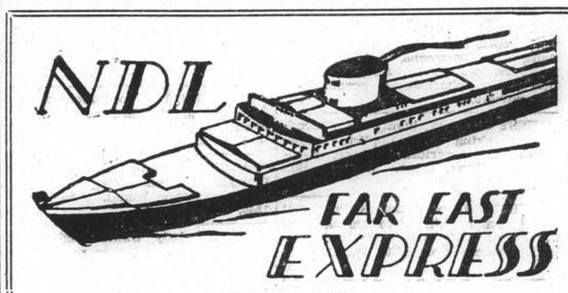

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HARDWORKING cook-boy, speaking good English, excellent boy, recommended by English and American family. Address Box 1406, N.C.D.N. -2994

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NICELY furnished room with board. All modern conveniences. Savoy Apartment 3, Route Say Zoong, Telephone 73519. 13298

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WANTED a house of ten or fifteen rooms, in western district preferably. Address Box 1565, N.C.D.N. -3053

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Java 3/2 7/4

From HAMBURG
Zuiderkerk 29/1 18/3
Bellerophon 12/3 27/4
Frankfurt 23/3 5/5
Tirranna 31/3 8/5

From ROTTERDAM
Neumark 4/3 20/4

From ANTWERP
Corfu 11/3 17/4

From MARSEILLES
Katori M. 1/3 29/3
D'Artagnan 18/3 15/4

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Potsdam 17/3 9/4

From TRIESTE
Himalaya 20/2 11/4

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Isar 14/3 11/4
Touraine 17/3 15/4
Soudan 16/3 17/4

From SUEZ
Protesilaus 8/3 6/4
Burgenland 5/3 8/4

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Rawalpindi 14/3 3/4

From DJIBOUTI
J. Laborde 13/3 1/4

From BOMBAY
C. Rosso 16/3 28/3

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Sarpedon 14/3 30/3
Oldenburg 8/3 31/3
Behar 15/3 31/3

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Ranpura 11/3 21/3

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Bhutan 13/3 22/3
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Min 12/3 17/3

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C. Lyons 21/2 17/4
Tweedbank 7/3 25/4
C. Derby 17/3 18/5

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Roggeveen 15/3 13/4

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From CHINWANGTAO
Sontay 14/4 18/4

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Tsingtao M. 17/3 21/3

From TSINGTAO
Chaksang — 21/3

From HONGKONG
Saale 14/3 17/3
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Emp. Russia — 20/3
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Agamemnon 13/3 22/3
Tsinan 19/3 24/3
Kiangsu 26/3 25/3
Soochow 22/3 26/3
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C. Pittsb'g — 11/4

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Chosa M. — 22/3

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

SHENGKING Mar. 17. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 17-3

TAKSANG Mar. 17. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TSINTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-3

LUCHOW Mar. 18. CHEFOO. — leaves on Friday, March 18, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 18-3

CHENGTU Mar. 19. TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 19, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-3

LEESANG Mar. 20. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, March 20. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 20-3

FAUSANG Mar. 21. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 21. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 21-3

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TAIYUAN Mar. 18. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Friday, March 18, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 17-3

Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

CHANGON Mar. 19. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 19, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 19-3

KIUNGCHOW Mar. 19. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Saturday, March 19, at noon. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 19-3

CHAKSANG Mar. 22. SWATOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Wednesday, March 22. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 22-3

KINGYUAN Mar. 22. HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Tuesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 22-3

JAPAN

RANPURA Mar. 22. KOBE and YOKOHAMA. — Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 22-3

STRAITS AND EUROPE

GLENSHIEL Mar. 17. LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-3

MARECHAL JOFFRE Mar. 18. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG, SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 18-3

MIN Mar. 18. ORAN, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, DUNKIRK via PORT SAID and ADEN.—For particulars apply to Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 18-3

DONAU Mar. 20. PORT SUDAN, ORAN, CASABLANCA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents: N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 20-3

MENESTHEUS Mar. 20. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW (via HONGKONG and STRAITS).—Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. 82020. 20-3

BANGALORE Mar. 22. MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, LONDON, HULL, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM and ANTWERP via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 22-3

SCHARNHORST Mar. 25. GENOA, SOUTHAMPTON, ROTTERDAM, BREMEN and HAMBURG via HONGKONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, BELAWAN, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 25-3

NALDERA Mar. 29. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, P. & O. S. N. Co., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 29-3

SHANTUNG Mar. 31/Apr. 1. TRIPOLI, ALGIERS, ORAN, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, OSLO and GOTHENBURG.—The Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.'s m.s. Shantung will leave Shanghai on or about April 1, for the above mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading to all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. Cargo for U.K. ports accepted on optional Bills of Lading. For freight and passage, please apply to The Ekman Foreign Agencies, Ltd., 170 Kiangse Road, Hamilton House. Tel. 11330. 31-3

AENEAS Apr. 2. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM and GLASGOW (via HONGKONG and STRAITS).—Butterfield & Swire, Agents. Tel. 82020. 2-4

AUSTRALASIA

NANKIN Apr. 2. SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via (From Hongkong) PORTS.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd., No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 2-4

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Post Office Notices

Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is requested in order to make connection with the below-mentioned closing times.

Date and Destination	Per	Reg.	Ord.
THURSDAY, March 17.			
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Shengking	*19.00	7.30
Wenchow	Don Jose X	7.30	8.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Taksang	9.00	10.30
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Taksang	10.00	10.30
Aust. N.Z. S.S. (Y) India Suez Europe	Mar. Joffre A	16.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Mar. Joffre	17.30	18.00
Formosa via Keelung	Chosa M.	17.30	18.00
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Taiyuan	17.30	18.00
FRIDAY, March 18.			
Chefoo	Luchow	8.30	9.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Hilda Moller	12.30	14.00
Chinwangtao	Hilda Moller	13.30	14.00
Indo-China(Z) via H'phong	Kiungchow B	—	—
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.	17.30	18.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.	17.30	18.00
Wenchow	Minho X	18.30	19.00
SATURDAY, March 19.			
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Chengtu	8.00	9.30
Tientsin	Chengtu	9.00	9.30
Amoy Hongkong Yunnan	Kiungchow	9.00	9.30
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Changon	11.00	11.30
Aust. N.Z. S.S. India Suez Europe	Menestheus C	*16.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Menestheus	17.30	18.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for France and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 17th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 18th.
C Parcel mail for S.S., Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 19th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Y Superscribed correspondence.
Z Parcels only.

Mails for Europe

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin for transmission.
Next steamship mails will be closed as follows:
ss. Marechal Joffre, via Suez, March 17, due London April 18.
ss. Menestheus, via Suez, March 19, due London April 21.
ss. Empress of Russia, via Pacific, March 20, due London April 17.

Air Mails Abroad

Imperial Airways and Qantas (Hongkong-London and Hongkong-Australia) per Menestheus, 6 p.m. on March 19, due Paris and London April 4.
Pan American Airways (Hongkong-San Francisco) per Menestheus, 6 p.m. on March 19, due San Francisco March 29.
Netherlands (K.L.M.) (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per Menestheus, 6 p.m. on March 19, due Amsterdam April 3, London April 4.
Air France (Saigon-Marseilles Line) per Marechal Joffre, 6 p.m. on March 17, due Paris and London April 2.
Air France (China-Hanoi-Marseilles Lines) per steamer to Hongkong for transmission via Canton.

Vessels Leaving (cont.)

AMERICA

TAI SHAN Mar. 22. LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Tai Shan sails from Buoys 14-15 on March 22., accepting cargo for all Overland Points. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. No. 11366. 22-3

PETER MAERSK Apr. 1. LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Melchers & Co., Agents: Maersk Line, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. No. 15566. 1-4

Vessels Discharging

GERTRUDE MAERSK. The Maersk Line m.s. Gertrude Maersk, from New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Los Angeles via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf, Shanghai-side. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, Shanghai-side by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy on Tuesday morning, the 22nd March, at 9 a.m. Maersk Line Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 18-3

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AVENUE Apartments. Four rooms, two bathrooms, verandah, boxroom, heating, hot and cold water. Rent $165. Will those interested please telephone 32456 again, as person having option is unable to take up. 13300

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